



## PLACENTIA-YORBA LINDA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S TEACHER ADVISORY COUNCIL

Thursday, March 31, 2022, 3:30 p.m.  
PYLUSD Board Room

### TAC Meeting Minutes

#### **WELCOME**

**Dr. Linda Adamson, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services**

Dr. Adamson opened up the meeting with an inspirational video reminding everyone to “look up”. The group shared about moments they may have missed if they had failed to look up.

#### **SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Dr. James Elsasser, Superintendent**

Dr. Elsasser updated the group about continuing support for Kraemer for the remainder of the year.

There was a special board meeting held on March 23rd to continue work on the draft resolution to prohibit the teaching of CRT in PYLUSD. Ninety percent of the speakers opposed the ban. Although there was not a consensus, the majority of the Board wants to move forward with the resolution. There have been concerns from staff about how this will affect their AP programs. Ed Services is reaching out to College Board to see if the proposed resolution would impact the status of the AP programs. The resolution will be on the April agenda for a vote.

All of the PYLUSD comprehensive high schools and middle school music programs participated in the recent Southern California school band and orchestra competition. There is some amazing talent in the district and one of the highlights of the week. Dr. Elsasser also had the opportunity to watch Esperanza's baseball team play against Los Alamitos at Angels stadium. The game ended in a tie. Dr. Elsasser has continued with site visits and it is clear that PYLUSD teachers continue to go above and beyond.

#### **HR UPDATE**

**Rick Lopez, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources**

Mr. Lopez expressed the excitement in being able to bring back the teacher leadership program. There are currently hiring efforts going on for Certificated, Classified, and substitute employees. The resident substitute position will continue for the 2022-2023 school year. Principals have been named for the summer programs, and HR is now working to fill the teacher and classified positions. The negotiated increased hourly rate of \$55 will continue for summer 2022. There are continued efforts to fill vacancies in the typically hard to fill positions, such as math, science, and special education for the 2022-2023 school year.

## **BUDGET UPDATE**

**David Giordano, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services**

The 2021-22 Second Interim Financial report was presented to the Board at the March 8th meeting, and an update on the Governor's 2022-23 January Budget proposal was provided. Two of the key components included in the proposal include free breakfast and lunch for all students next year, regardless of income qualifications, as well as continued commitment to expand access to Transitional Kindergarten (TK) for children who turn five by February 2nd. Unfortunately, there was nothing in the budget proposal to buy down the unfunded liabilities in the CalSTRS and CalPERS pension systems. The 2022-23 May Revision will be released in mid-May, and will include tax revenues for the State through April 2022. This proposal provides school districts some of the key assumptions used in budget development for the coming year. The 2022-23 State budget is expected to be adopted by July 1st.

## **COVID UPDATE**

**Richard McAlindin, Assistant Superintendent, Executive Services**

The mask mandate was changed to "strongly recommended". There are currently 15 positive students and 7 staff member cases. Orange County currently has a 1.7% positivity rate, with 102 cases currently hospitalized. Weekly employee testing is still required per CDPH guidelines, as well as daily symptom checks. Volunteers on campus must continue to show vaccination status or a negative test.

## **LOVE YORBA LINDA**

**Richard McAlindin, Assistant Superintendent, Executive Services**

Love Yorba Linda is a community service project that will take place on April 30, 2022. Community members can visit their website ([www.loveyorbalinda.org](http://www.loveyorbalinda.org)) for more details and sign up. All four comprehensive high schools are included this year, and project typically last about four hours.

## **SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAMS**

**Gina Aguilar, Director, High School Education**

**Keith Carmona, Director, Middle School Education**

**Dr. Liz Leon, Director, Elementary School Education**

High School students will have several summer school options, both in district and out of district.

### In District Programs

- PYLUSD Credit Recovery (non-college prep) - El Camino Real HS
- PYLUSD Summer Impact (college prep credit recovery) - El Dorado HS
- Extended School Year (ESY) - El Dorado HS

## Out of District Programs

- ACCESS - online non-college prep credit recovery with weekly check-ins - El Dorado HS
- PCHS - online college prep credit recovery
- Fullerton College Dual Enrollment – some courses offered online and others in person - El Dorado HS

Middle School summer programs will be very similar to last year.

- Academic Support for students with multiple F's
- Hosted at Kraemer Middle School June 27 - July 28, 2022 (8:00 am - 12:00 pm)
- Available for 6th-8th grade students
- Transportation available for some students
- English language arts, math, physical education, and electives
- Required for 8th graders with 6+ F's
- Strongly recommended for 6th-7th grade students

Elementary School summer programs will be the same as last year.

- Summer Enrichment for TK - 7th grade students will be hosted at Lakeview Elementary on June 27 - July 28, 2022 at 8:00 am - 12:00 pm
- Expanded Learning/Child Care Summer Camp will be hosted at Fairmont, Linda Vista, Rose Drive, Woodsboro, and Van Buren on June 20 - August 24, 2022 at 6:30 am - 6:00 pm
- Extended School Year (ESY) Special Education will be hosted at the following locations on June 27 – July 28, 2022:
  - Fairmont, 8:00 am - 12:30 pm
  - Van Buren, 9:00 am - 1:30 pm
  - George Key, 9:00 am - 1:30 pm
  - Venture Adult Transition, 7:30 am - 12:00 pm
- Expanded Learning/ASES - ELOP Summer Camp will be hosted at Rio Vista, Melrose, Ruby Drive, Tynes on July 1 - August 12, 2022 at 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

## **CAASPP Testing Update**

**Dr. Trena Gonzalez, Director, Student Wellness, Access and Academic Success**

The district is returning to the administration of state mandated testing. Most sites will administer in late April or early May. The test has a 95% participation mandate. In 2020, a penalty was introduced for those who do not meet the minimum participation, which will factor into academic indicators, making it important to encourage participation among as many students as possible. The results will be published but without color-coding this year, given the absence of results for comparative purposes the past two years.

## ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

1. ***Appreciation was expressed by several sites for keeping long-term resident substitutes.***

2. ***A question was raised about turning on classroom heaters earlier in the morning.***

There are two separate control systems used throughout the District, and one includes a push button that turns on the unit. A suggestion was made to request the custodian turn on units when he/she arrives. Sites were requested to place a work order to have someone come out and evaluate the system if there are any functional issues. (Bradd Runge)

3. ***A follow up question was asked when the heating/air units had been updated last?***

Most of the units in portable buildings were replaced within the last couple of years, and the District continues to replace units throughout the District as needed. (Bradd Runge)

4. ***The writing prompt that is due mid-May is in the middle of testing. Can that be adjusted?***

Ed Services looked at the dates and found that they cannot change the deadline as they need the writing assessment data for reclassification and GATE qualification status for students.. (Dr. Liz Leon)

5. ***The majority of excessive tardies and absences appear to be from students not attending their home school. What can be done?***

These challenges are typically addressed as part of the SART process, which allows school teams the opportunity to offer support to families and identify the cause behind the high number of tardies or absences (Dr. Linda Adamson).

The approach to address these issues should come from attendance intervention. As a reminder, when a choice application is approved, the new school becomes a student's home school, per CA Education Code. (Richard McAlindin)

6. ***Will the Student Attendance Review Team (SART) process resume next year?***

It has been an unusual year with many extenuating circumstances which have not been conducive to following the SART process. But yes, we intend to resume the SART process next year. There is also no reason that sites should not be implementing aspects of the process now to offer support to students and families who may require it. (Dr. Linda Adamson)

7. ***What are the guidelines for homework and Independent Contracts at this time? Can the sites get clarification on the expectations around Independent Contracts?***

We will revisit the language and guidance with site principals.  
(Dr. Linda Adamson)

**8. *Is it possible for a student to take two math courses simultaneously?  
(e.g. Geometry and Algebra 2)***

Math courses are taken sequentially in order to ensure concepts are mastered before they are built upon in more advanced courses. That being said, a student with unique circumstances should speak with their counselor about options to meet their needs. (Gina Aguilar)

**9. *When TWIG science curriculum is adopted, will current curriculum no longer be available?***

The intention is that TWIG materials will completely replace the current curriculum, requiring the collection of current materials prior to the delivery of new materials.  
(Dr. Linda Adamson)

**ADJOURNMENT** - The meeting was adjourned at 4:59pm.

Next Meeting:

April 28, 2022

3:30 p.m.

Board Room