

Goleta Union School District
DAC Meeting Minutes
October 19, 2023 Meeting, Foothill School Presenting
8:45am – 11:00am

Minutes taken by Christy Rockwood, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent.

DAC Committee Attendance

Present Absent

Dr. Diana Galindo-Roybal, Superintendent	X	
Dr. Richard Mayer, Board President	X	
Felicia Roggero, Principal, Foothill School	X	
Abby Vasquez, Director of Pupil Services	X	
Brenda Perez, Community Liaison	X	
Carmen Rebolledo, Community Liaison	X	
Javier Avalos, Community Liaison	X	
Laura Casanueva, Community Liaison	X	
Eryn Van Homer, UTPG Representative	X	
Elizabeth Saucedo, Community Representative	X	
Katie Bonfilio, Brandon School Representative	X	
Nick Villegas, El Camino Representative	X	
Lisa Caffery, Ellwood Representative	X	
Lynnae Onishi, Foothill School Representative		X
Kelly Griffin, Goleta Family School Representative	X	
Stacy Demmin, Hollister School Representative	X	
Viridiana Victoria, Isla Vista School Representative	X	
Sara Prince, Kellogg School Representative	X	
Greta Bruneel, La Patera School Representative	X	
Rico Casillas, Mtn. View School Representative	X	

1. Opening of Meeting – Katie Bonfilio, Chairperson

Katie Bonfilio opened the meeting at 8:47 A.M and asked the committee to talk about an accomplishment they are proud of.

2. Approval of the DAC Minutes from September 21, 2023

Motion to approve minutes: Rico Casillas

Seconded by: Lisa Caffery

Minutes approved unanimously

3. Foothill/Goleta Family School Presentation – Felicia Roggero, Principal

Mrs. Roggero introduced herself and shared her background with Goleta Union School District. She shared a presentation which reviewed the following:

- SOAR (Safe, Open, Accepting, Responsible and Respectful)
- Enrollment/Ethnicity
- Focus Area #1: Literacy
 - Guiding Coalition
 - PLT grade level teams
 - Data teams
 - Student study teams
 - PLC Community
- Focus Area #2: Attendance/Chronic Absenteeism
 - Parent education
 - Student education
 - Teacher monthly analysis
 - Parent Square posts
 - Review Attendance
- Focus Area #3: Diversity, Equity, Inclusion
 - Identity and Belonging
 - Sharing each other's stories
 - Connecting school-wide
 - Be Kind and Kindness Challenge
- Team Connections and Check-Ins

4. Round Table Talk with Community Liaisons - Abby Vasquez, Director of Pupil Services

The Community Liaisons introduced themselves as follows:

Javier Avalos has been with GUSD in this position for 2 years. The most important part of the job for him is bridging the gap of communication.

Laura Casanueva has been with GUSD in this position for 21 years. The most important part of the job for her is helping to make families feel comfortable, connected and feel like they belong.

Brenda Perez has been working for the district for 17 years and has been in this position for 2 years as a community liaison. She appreciates being able to provide interpretation for IEPs and help with the language barrier.

Carmen Rebolledo has been with GUSD in this position for 11 years. This job fills her heart. She enjoys building relationships and communication with families. She explained that community liaisons are an advocate for our families and one of their main jobs is connecting families with resources in the community. She also mentioned that they support anyone who needs help, not just Spanish speaking families.

Mrs. Vasquez explained that there are two big events each year that the community liaisons help a great deal with. The first one is the Community of Friends event which takes place over winter break. Each community liaison selects families who need support. A collection of holiday “cheer” such as napkins, plates, hot cocoa, crackers, cookies, candy, holiday foods, etc. are collected at each school by grade level. The collected items are taken to a location and are sorted into boxes of goodies and dispersed to the families. Each year, school sites request these items, along with gift cards so the families can purchase gifts for their own kids.

The second event takes place in the Spring at each school site. This is where neighborhood clinics, and community partners get together to offer free eye, ear and dental checks, just to name a few.

Operation School Bell run by the Assistance League of Santa Barbara also helps our families in need, however, this is a referral based program.

Some questions and answers that were brought up are as follows:

Q: How many families do each of the community liaisons help on a regular basis?

A: Approximately 50 families per school.

Q: How do families get in touch with the community liaisons?

A: Most of the time, a teacher will refer the child to the community liaison and then they will reach out to the family. They can also see students and families on a walk-in or appointments basis

Q: What happens when the student leaves GUSD and moves on to SBUSD, or another school district? How do we complete the hand-off?

A: Sometimes, if the parent reaches out for help, we still help them with the registration process. We try to teach the parent how to advocate for themselves. However, there isn't a bridge between us and the other schools. Family Services Agency (FSA) is a good resource for students and families entering into Jr. High and High School.

Q. How do you approach families who need help?

A: With confidentiality and without judgement. It depends on the family. Some families want help and some do not. Most of the time, if we or another staff member sees something, we say something. We approach the family and open the dialogue. We let them know about the many resources that we have and that they are not alone.

Q: How can the DAC committee members help?

A: Just remember that some families need extra help. Although you may not know who these families are, try to keep them in mind when planning events or class parties, etc. Remember that some families may need extra help. Offer help or assistance to anyone who may need it.

Q: Can we, as committee members, have access to the same resources you share with families?

A: Yes, to a certain extent. Mrs. Vasquez will put a list together of the resources. Anyone who would like access to them can reach out to Abby Vasquez at avasquez@gusd.us

The next DAC meeting will be on Thursday, November 9, 2023 at 8:45 am. at La Patera School.

A motion was made at 10:58 A.M. to adjourn the meeting.

Motion made by: Kelly Griffin

Seconded by: Stacy Demmin

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