



# Evergreen School District

*From strong roots grow bright futures*

## District Advisory Committee (DAC)

Minutes of the DAC Meeting for May 3, 2017  
Date

**Members Present:** See attached lists which represents  X  parent DAC representatives,  X  additional parent guests (SSC),  X  district administrators,  X  district teachers/staff, board members \_\_\_\_.

### Topics:

1. The Role of Assessments and Surveys and Needs Assessment.

The meeting was called to order at  6:02 P.M  by:  Denise Williams, Director of Instruction.   
Name

**Meeting Minutes:** Each member read the minutes from the  March 7, 2017  DAC meeting.

It was moved by  Jamie Hammond, Assistant Principal, Chaboya  and seconded by  Robin Singley, Teacher, O. B. Whaley  that the minutes be **approved** as **written** (✓) or as corrected/amended: \_\_\_\_

**Other Topics:**  Dan Deguara, Assistant Superintendent, explained that Assessments and Surveys are the district’s focus. He said the district engages our students in authentic learning that prepares them with skills to be global minded citizens. Mr. Deguara discussed with members about “Feedback”, positive or negative two-way communications. He then described the Feedback Loop; Building (experiments) - Baseline > Measuring (Metrics) – Analyze > Learning (perseverance) – Hypothesis. He and members discussed how “fireside chats” began during the Depression and how they can be useful today. Mr. Deguara described how students, parents and staff receive communication. He noted students receive information from CAASPP, Youth Truth Surveys, classroom grades/report cards, CELDT, and daily work. Parents receive information through community surveys, Youth Truth Surveys, LCAP, parent teacher conferences, and technology forums. Staff receives information via community surveys, academic assessments, LCAP, professional learning communities, as well

as observations and evaluations. Members chatted with Mr. Deguara about their concerns. One parent questioned why STEM or STEAM isn't in all classrooms. Mr. Deguara said the district is working towards transitioning to new science standards but resources are a challenge. At this time, it is through the district's nine coaches and community partnerships. Another parent asked how we can ensure the safety of our students. Mr. Deguara stated emergency procedures and plans in place are practiced. He said that through the Youth Truth Surveys, students feel emotionally safe for the most part. He also recommended that parents speak with site administrators about concerns, "See something, say something". One parent stated that communications from the district have been excellent but suggested that emails should be concise (IE: bulleted points) and events should be listed in chronological order. Lastly, a parent expressed concern over traffic issues at sites. Several administrators answered that many sites had crossing guards, Walk and Roll programs, etc.

**Mandated Topics:** Denise Williams, Director of Instruction, spoke to the members about the Needs Assessment. She explained that 90% of the budget is written into the LCAP. She stated that the LCAP includes actions and services, narrative summary, and feedback. Ms. Williams asked for input from the members for topics for 2017-18. The topics suggested were LCAP, Child Nutrition Services, Increasing Parent Involvement, English learners - English Learner Master Plan (including at-risk students, sub groups), 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skill Building, and Enrichment Opportunities (equity of extra-curricular activities). In closing, Ms. Williams reminded members about the mandatory training for all representatives at the first DAC meeting of the year. She also reminded members about additional 2017-18 events: the Parent Appreciation Dinner on September 18<sup>th</sup> and the Parent University Registration and Parent Leadership Forum on September 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Topics of Interest:** N/A

**Matters from the Public:** N/A

**Follow-up on Topic(s):** (Action by whom?) N/A

**Other:** N/A

**The meeting was adjourned:** 7:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

*Connie Cornejo*

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