



PAC Agenda

September 21, 2021

- 1. Meeting Norms**
 - a. Start on time
 - b. Have an agenda
 - c. Mute unless speaking
 - d. Keep it positive
 - e. Post PAC minutes to District website
- 2. Introductions: Name, School, what you hope to accomplish as a PAC member- (break out groups)**
- 3. District Update – Dr. Lucas**
- 4. School Building Update- Brandi Short**
- 5. Vision and Mission of PAC**
 - a. Future in education at LFSD for academics and rigor, be able to be competitive with other school districts and states.
 - b. Building engagement and improvement with staff, parents, and community leaders
 - c. Partner with the District to engage and ensure everyone gets supports they need and receive the highest quality of education.
 - d. Engagement, involvement, collective voice, empowerment, communication, support, and partnership.
- 6. Questions- (in the chat box)**
- 7. Next meeting 11/4 @ 6:00 via Zoom**

PAC Minutes – 09/21/2021

Mrs. Alexander apologized for the mix up. Future meetings will take place at 6 p.m. not 5:30 p.m.

Mrs. Alexander reviewed the agenda, beginning with the building norms with the group. She also noted that the next meeting of November 4th at 6 p.m.

Participants were placed in break out groups. Each member of the group was given directions as to what needed to be completed while in groups. (Give your name, your relationship to the district and what you hope to gain). Each group shared out their information.

Mrs. Alexander reviewed the purpose of PAC, and then turned it over to Dr. Lucas.

Dr. Lucas – Status of Lake Forest School District

Dr. Lucas reviewed the status of things in the district. He discussed the transportation issues, due to the shortage, teacher shortages, and nurse shortages, and stated we are making it work, and getting our students through a normal full day of instruction. He reviewed the Covid cases currently at 88 cases in the district and the quarantines each of the case's effects. He stated we really did not anticipate this because we were really in hybrid most of last year, so we did not anticipate having this much difficulty. We have no intention of shutting down and we are fully committed to staying open as long as we can. We have a lot of vacancies in case you have anyone interested, he also reviewed the administrative opening at Central Elementary school and reviewed administrative changes which included Mrs. Williams moving to Chipman.

I love Lake Forest School Day 10/16, going to be a lot fun, at the high school, Rain date 10/23. Homecoming 10/09. Parade Friday 10/08, Saturday game, Saturday afternoon dance.

Strategic planning committee group (5-year plan) meets tomorrow at 6 pm on zoom, the link to participate is on the website. Encourage the group to ask questions, put them in the chat, and we will respond to the questions in the meeting minutes. Please share what you learn in these meetings so that there is accurate information being spread throughout the school community.

School Update Brandi Short

School update was provided by Brandi Short from DEEC. She reviewed the different programs that are currently offered at DEEC. She said they offer services from prenatal, parents as teachers, early choices, ECAP and little Spartans. All programs are up and running and we are visiting families with our home visits programs. All students are back in the building and that is very exciting. They serve families all over the state. She encouraged all parents who have little ones under the age of 5 to reach out to her and she will find the program that is most appropriate for you.

Vision and Mission

The vision and mission of PAC were reviewed by Mrs. Alexanders. Some of the key focuses of the committee are as follows:

- The focus was the future of Lake Forest, academic and rigor – to be able to competitive with other school districts and states.
- Making sure there is building engagement and empowerment with community staff and leaders.
- Partner with the district to make sure everyone gets the supports they need and receive the highest quality of education.
- Communication, empowerment, engagement, and support were other goals of the committee.

Dr. Lucas asked a previous member of PAC to share their previous experience. The rep stated previous meetings were started by a “put em up” – where each person went around and shared something positive about the district. We tried to keep questions or comments related to the district overall. She asked about a full 12-month calendar that we previously had. Dr. Lucas noted that we have 12-month calendar magnet. She also said in years past, we did nominations for outstanding teachers and they were recognized. On occasion, different members brought in speakers from other organizations. Rep stated it’d be nice to come up with a way to spot light different teachers, custodians, secretaries.

Dr. Lucas felt a staff member nomination of the month was a great recommendation. He also thought about May, teacher appreciation month, and how we can start to prepare for that now.

Mrs. Voshell shared her experience with PAC many years ago, when there was a state-wide PAC. Mrs. Voshell shared that collectively we have at least 5 or 6 people who have all been engaged in the school district for 20 plus years. When I was in PAC, we did a lot for parents to help their children succeed. One presentation was called motivating your child for success, it was presented by a high school student and now she is a professor at Mt. Clair. Things like, how to prepare your children for kindergarten, these things also help the teachers. If you are prepared and your child is prepared it makes it easier for the teachers. Math nights, literacy nights, all those programs began with PAC all aimed to bring the community together and showcase things that students are doing. She asked that anyone who has past files, to share with Mrs. Alexander and Dr. Lucas so there is some historical reference.

Questions from the chat box:

Q. How long has PAC been around?

A. *About 20 years ago the committee was established.*