



# FUNDING AND PROGRAM ACCOUNTABILITY

JURUPA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

## DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR THE CONSOLIDATED APPLICATION

**Date:** Wednesday, November 29, 2023

**Time:** 9:00 a.m.

**Location:** Jurupa Unified School District Parent Center, North Training Room  
4850 Pedley Road Jurupa Valley, CA 92509

## ADOPTED MINUTES FOR MEETING #2

### OPENING ACTIVITIES

#### Call to Order

Yvonne Pacheco, Chairperson, called the District Advisory Council (DAC) meeting to order at 9:04 AM.

#### Flag Salute

Ms. Pacheco led the flag salute.

#### Roll Call

Karina Ledesma, Administrative Secretary, conducted roll call.

#### **DAC Members Present:**

Yvonne Pacheco, Camino Real  
Jessica Diaz, Glen Avon  
Cindi Carvo, Granite Hill  
Juan Ixcoy, Ina Arbuckle  
Norma Velasquez-Matsuyama, Indian Hills  
Patricia Tapia, Jurupa Valley  
Turhan Davis, Mira Loma Middle  
Natalie Frias, Mission Bell  
Emilee Fox, Mission Middle  
Diane Sleyko, Nueva Vista  
Marie Araux, Patriot  
Nayeli Valdez, Peralta  
Maria Lara Dominguez, Rubidoux  
Gabriela Zepeda, Sky Country  
Nina Brentham, Stone Avenue  
Marcela Castillo, Sunnyslope  
Leni Arias, Troth Street

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## District Staff Present:

Nicholas Blake, Director, Funding & Program Accountability  
Robin Griffin, Director, Planning & Development  
Michelle Poirier, Director, Nutrition Services  
Katrina Brooks, Director, School Readiness Center  
Jose Campos, Director, Parent Involvement and Community Outreach  
Karina Ledesma, Administrative Secretary, Funding & Program Accountability  
Yadira Smith, Translator Clerk Typist, Funding & Program Accountability

## Google Folder Resources

- Agenda
- Minutes from October 18, 2023
- Title I District Parent Engagement Policy
- Google Slide Presentation

## ACTION SESSION

### Approve DAC Minutes - October 18, 2023

**Motion:** Nayeli Valdez motioned to approve the meeting minutes of October 18, 2023.

**Seconded:** Marcela Castillo seconded the motion.

**Vote:** Motion carried unanimously.

## INFORMATION SESSION

### Nutrition Services

Michelle Poirier, Director of Nutrition Services, overviewed the state and federal nutrition requirements that the district must abide by. Congress passed the Hunger-Free Kids Act in 2010 to help ensure every American child had access to the nutrition they need to grow into healthy adults. One goal of the law was to help reduce America's childhood obesity epidemic and reduce health risks for America's children by helping schools across the country produce balanced meals so children have access to healthy foods during the school day.

Among one of the strictest regulations for school nutrition is sodium consumption. Research shows that nearly all children consume more sodium than recommended, which can lead to high blood pressure and heart disease. The current standards consider the latest nutrition science and take a more gradual approach to lowering sodium in school meals. School meals' sodium weekly limits must meet or have less than 1000 mg for grades K-5, 1105 mg for grades 6-8, and 1150mg for grades 9-12. USDA proposes weekly sodium limits, to gradually reduce sodium levels and more closely align with the goals of the Dietary Guidelines for Americans. This would include three reductions for school lunch:

- SY 2025-26: 10% reduction from SY 2024-25 school lunch weekly sodium limits.
- SY 2027-28: 10% reduction from SY 2026-27 school lunch weekly sodium limits.
- SY 2029-30: 10% reduction from SY 2028-29 school lunch weekly sodium limits.

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A struggle that the district faces is selective student eaters whose taste preferences have been affected by high-sodium foods such as chips. As a response, Nutrition Services hosts student taste tests twice a year and meets with student councils to address student concerns and introduce new foods/recipes that the majority would enjoy. There are also vegan/gluten and dairy-free options available upon request. Accommodations can be made ahead of time with the cafeteria managers. For any questions regarding school nutrition, you may contact Nutrition Services at 951-360-2766 or [michelle\\_poirier@jUSD.k12.ca.us](mailto:michelle_poirier@jUSD.k12.ca.us).

### Planning and Development Updates

The Planning & Development Department is responsible for the planning and execution of all new construction and modernization work for all JUSD facilities. The department also acts as a liaison between the district and local agencies or other community stakeholders concerning residential and commercial/industrial development within school district boundaries.

Robin Griffin, Director of Planning and Development, highlighted some of the recent major projects that have been completed through funds from the Measure EE bond. Among some of these projects is the state-of-the-art Elliott N. Duchon Concert Hall, a 14,000-square-foot building for 300 guests designed for band, choir, and orchestra to learn and perform in. At Patriot High School, a scoreboard and lights have been installed on the sports field, allowing varsity games to now be played at home rather than at Rubidoux High. Shade structures (Camino Real, Ina Arbuckle, Pacific Avenue, Pedley, Peralta, Sky Country, Sunnyslope, West Riverside, and Jurupa Middle) and playground sets (Camino Real, Indian Hills, Mission Bell, Pacific Avenue, and Pedley) are also underway to be installed.

To view a complete long-range facilities master plan, please visit [www.jUSDplan.org](http://www.jUSDplan.org). For any questions regarding any projects, you may contact Planning and Development at 951-360-4156 or [robin\\_griffin@jUSD.k12.ca.us](mailto:robin_griffin@jUSD.k12.ca.us).

### Head Start/Preschool

Katrina Brooks, Director of the School Readiness Center, discussed the Head Start and Preschool programs available to families. The district's Head Start and Preschool programs offer comprehensive early childhood development services to children and families residing within and around Jurupa Valley. To support the whole child, the program provides educational experiences designed to enhance the social competence and school readiness of children and enhance family engagement by providing supportive services that include parent education, health, nutrition, and access to social services within the community.

The goals of the JUSD Head Start and Preschool program are to enhance the total growth of each child and ensure that children and families achieve six broad desired results that have been defined as conditions of well-being for children and families: children are personally and socially competent, children are effective learners, children show physical and motor competence, children are safe and healthy, families support their child's learning and development, and families achieve their goals.

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Part-Day Head Start is currently being offered at Glen Avon, Ina Arbuckle, Pacific Avenue, School Readiness Center, and Sky Country. Part-Day Preschool is currently being offered at Mission Bell, Rustic Lane, Sunnyslope, Sky Country, Van Buren, and West Riverside. Full-Day Head Start is currently being offered at Ina Arbuckle and West Riverside.

For any questions regarding eligibility, you may contact the School Readiness Center at 951-222-7850 or [hspsoffice@jUSD.k12.ca.us](mailto:hspsoffice@jUSD.k12.ca.us).

### Parent Involvement Opportunities

Jose Campos, Director of Parent Involvement and Community Outreach, stressed the importance of making all families feel welcomed and included in our district. We are aware that some families might hesitate to participate in school functions out of fear and confusion based on their immigration status in this country, but we are here to assure families that the public charge rule does not apply in public education. Under the public charge rule, an individual who is likely at any time to become a public charge (i.e., be primarily dependent on the government for support) may be denied admission into the United States and is ineligible to become a legal permanent resident. However, public education and programs serving students are not public benefits covered by this rule. All students, regardless of immigration status, have equal access to an education under the laws of the United States. Attending school and participating in school programs will not impact a child's or family member's immigration status.

Having this reassurance, we want to invite parents to be more involved in their student's education. Some suggestions that were received were: creating more welcoming events, promoting events to all families, inviting parents to participate in community school council meetings, partnering with more non-profit organizations, and providing technology support for adults. For any questions or additional suggestions, you may contact the PICO office at 951-360-4175 or [jose\\_campos@jUSD.k12.ca.us](mailto:jose_campos@jUSD.k12.ca.us).

### Review and Update District Title I, Part A Parent and Family Engagement Policy

The District Title I, Part A Parent and Family Engagement Policy establishes the district's expectations and objectives for meaningful parent and family involvement and describes how the district will coordinate and integrate parent and family engagement strategies and conduct an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of this policy in improving the academic quality of all schools.

Nicholas Blake, Director of Funding and Program Accountability, asked members to identify any barriers to parent involvement and list any new opportunities that they would like the district to offer. Some barriers identified for parent involvement are a lack of ample notification, cultural/communication issues, timing conflicts, and a lack of childcare. Some opportunities mentioned were creating a better transition for parents from elementary to middle and middle to high school, providing the schedule for Community School meetings, and using more clear and inviting language for events. All feedback will be considered and shared with Education Services.

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### HEARING SESSION

Ms. Yvonne Pacheco would like a list of all approved vendors to assist with PTA. The district will gather this list and share it with all principals. Mr. Juan Ixcoy would like to know how the district is addressing cyberbullying. We will ask Technology to come and speak about our current cyber security measures. Ms. Emilee Fox encourages parents to attend Community School meetings, where they can provide input and stay informed on events. Mr. Turhan Davis would like to request a Think Together representative and someone to speak about facility conditions, specifically fields, at the next meeting.

#### Next Meeting

The next meeting of the District Advisory Council is scheduled for Wednesday, January 24, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in the North Training Room at the Parent Center.

#### Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:04 AM by Chairperson Yvonne Pacheco.