



Student Director's Report

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All City Council(ACC) - Middle School Updates

Sixty four students from five middle schools (Westlake, Frick, Montera, Explore, and Barack Obama Academy) participated in the last ACC Middle School General Meeting at Westlake. Our topic was "Green Schools". We had two workshops, "Making Recycling Work at My School", was facilitated by OUSD Buildings and Grounds staff. Students got clarification on the role of custodians, students, and site administration in making recycling work at their school. One important fact from the workshop was that school sites need to pay for the recycling to get picked up. Some students thought they could take the recycling in themselves, as way to generate funding for their leadership activities. The second workshop, "Fresh Food and Gardening", was led by Joyce Peters from OUSD Nutrition Services and Seal Nguyen, community member and alumni of Oakland High School. Students learned about the importance of eating fresh foods versus processed foods. Students also received the schedule of farmers' markets open at OUSD school sites. We would like to thank the Westlake student leadership for doing a great job hosting the meeting, and for all the work they are doing on their campus, including raising money and consciousness for Haiti.

School Reports

Montera Middle School students started their recycling program (but they need to know how many times per week recycling gets picked up, and they need additional recycling bins). They are also creating a garden. Leadership class is split into groups to work on different projects to get multiple things done.

Frick Middle School students reported improvements with bathroom stalls, and attribute the improvement to donations for the bathroom stalls. They are looking forward to their Talent Show and Spring Festival. Students expressed interest in starting additional projects like recycling and gardens. They expressed concerns and needing help with addressing fight on campus, issues with textbooks and computers.

Barrack Obama Academy Delegates reported that students and parents are helping out with their recycling, garden, and homework help projects. They still need help with addressing issues with food, and student-adult relationships. They are looking forward to their trip to Washington D.C.

Explore Middle School students are celebrating fewer fights and fewer referrals due to their "Face It Day", and positive morning meetings. Although the school has instituted detentions for tardies, students are still getting to class late. Students say that they might be discouraged due to the fact that their school is closing. They are also reporting issues with test scores and uniforms.

They are looking forward to their Honor Roll Evening Ceremony. They want All City Council to have more organized ice breakers.

Westlake Middle School students are working on several projects including: Haiti relief project, Alameda food bank project, Samoa project, and their traffic box painting project. They feel they are working together as a school more, and are in good partnerships with the city and other community organizations. They are looking forward to their Dinner Dance, Black History and Asian History Celebrations. They also had feedback for All City Council. They want to learn other skills besides food and recycling, like other ways to help Haiti. They also want ACC to organize more fun activities during meetings besides workshops and have better control and organization during meetings.

Our next ACC middle school event is on March 16th. We are taking students on a “Can You See Me in College” Day at San Jose State University.

High School Updates

Seventy two students from 11 high schools and 2 middle schools, 7 OPD officers, and 5 OUSD officers attended our ACC Teen Action Summit. Schools present included BEST, Excel, Skyline, MetWest, Sojourner Truth, Oakland High, Rudsdale, Oakland Tech, Bunche, YES, and EOSA. We also had students from Lionel Wilson and Montera. Six community organizations also joined us, including Girls, Inc., PUEBLO, BayPeace, Oakland Youth Commission, Youth Together, Attitudinal Healing, and Macehualli. In total, we had close to 100 participants throughout the day. We would like to thank everyone who came through to help us start this very important conversation about improving youth and police relationships, safety overall and helping more students graduate with meaningful life opportunities in our city.

Follow up from the Summit

We are holding a “know your rights” workshop at our next **All City Council High School Meeting on March 18th from 1pm to 3pm, at Sojourner Truth** (on the YES campus). We are also inviting officers to that meeting to report out on the questions asked during the summit (we did not have enough time to thoroughly answer all youth questions). Chief Batts committed to meeting with the ACC governing board for continued conversation and next steps, specifically on the youth curfew.