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Bella Montoya and Donovan Reid Student Directors' Report Board of Education Meeting March 14, 2012

All City Council High School Meeting

We held our High School Meeting on February 16th at Oakland Tech. We had 40 students from 10 schools: Castlemont, CCPA, Skyline, McClymonds, Bunche, Sojourner Truth, Oakland Tech, Oakland High, Fremont, and Met West. At this meeting we focused on making sure our delegates had the tools they need to finish their student-teacher feedback projects. We role modeled how to run a fishbowl for the feedback session with teachers. All 10 schools present committed to completing their project at their school by our next ACC meeting on March 15th (which will be at Skyline, from 1-3pm)

Student Delegates at Castlemont reported that their leadership class was working on school culture and how they are doing this to by making posters to promote school culture. They also said not enough students are attending ACC meetings. They are trying to bring more students to our meetings they just haven't had a chance to organize. Their upcoming events are their talent show after school programs to address their concerns with the school.

Delegates at CCPA reported that the improvements at their schools are dances, outside resources for fun fieldtrips and sports, better lunches, more electives, school appearance, and new materials. Issues they are discussing and trying to address: funding, many seniors not on track to graduate, homophobia slurs, and violence. When asked if the school tried to resolve these problems they said they made a GAS club for the students. The upcoming events for them are the LGBTQ awareness week.

Delegates at Skyline reported that the improvements at their schools are more classes, less high tech electronics, and better supplies for our students. They raised a question about substitute teachers, why they have so many for long periods of time. They are not sure if this is an issue they can bring up to their principal. Their upcoming events are parent teacher summit.

Delegates at McClymonds reported that the improvements in their school are the bathrooms, library, classrooms, increased population, and relationships between students and teachers, and their youth center. They also stated that their student leadership is working on different projects they are also going to hold student elections where both students and teachers can nominate candidates. Their remaining concerns are students paying for grad night, and other issues that we need more information on before we can report here. Their upcoming dates are grad night and prom.

Delegates at Bunche reported that the improvements in their school are computers in the classroom, quality of food, bathrooms water fountains. The leadership classes reported that they will be holding student elections in May. Their remaining concerns are how to get students to see the improvements that have taken place. Their upcoming events are talent show in April and senior class meetings.

Delegates at Oakland High reported that the improvements in their school are tardy sweeps which means more students are in class on time, and switching the lunch trays to cardboard trays. The leadership class reported they have not yet elected students and they do not have any upcoming events. Issues they are struggling with are lewd conducts at school, substance abuse and violence, and not raising enough money for junior prom. The school has gotten more security guards and school police officers to resolve the problems their school has been having. Their upcoming events are teacher appreciation week, multicultural week and spring blood drive.

Delegates at Sojourner Truth reported that the improvements in their school are they now have a reading teacher, a basketball team; the leadership group has gotten bigger and better lunches. The leadership class has elected president and vice president, planned on their youth group, came up with new events and built a stronger team. Their remaining concerns are getting more students interested in school activities and field trips. Their school has tried to resolve this problem. Their upcoming events are career day, potluck, youth group, debate team and job shadowing.

Delegates at Fremont High reported that the improvements in their school are the library has been fixed and there have been less fights. The leadership class has had their student election and is having an all day retreat with the candidates. They also reported issues that we need more information so we can help them to resolve their student concerns. Their upcoming events are an all day retreat, a club retreat, spirit week, honor roll assembly, BSU assembly, talent show, and principal selection committee in which students will choose a new principal for the next school year.

Delegates at Met west reported that the improvements in their school are students are making more positive choices, less substance abuse. The leadership class is planning for prom, creating a yearbook and hoodies. Their upcoming events are town hall, exhibitions in the month of March. Delegates at Oakland Tech reported that the improvements in their school are the bathrooms have gotten towels and soap. They have gotten new computers and more clubs such as poly and feminism. They also reported issues we need more information on so we can help them resolve their student concerns. The leadership class is planning spirit week and a rally. The school site has gotten new supplies for the classrooms. Their upcoming events are junior and senior prom, collaboration with Far West and a computer animation class.

Our next ACC High School meeting will be March 15th at Skyline.

All City Council Middle School Meeting

On February 21 we held our All City Council Middle school meeting at Bret Harte. We had 45 delegates from three different middle schools Bret Harte, Melrose, and Westlake. We had guests from Nutrition Services, Jennifer Lebar and Michelle Oppen, lead workshops on the Wellness policy, what is new with Food and Cafeteria, and how students can report issues, and contribute to menu planning.

Delegates at Bret Harte reported the new improvements in their school are the new peace mural and the honor roll events. The way these improvements happened because of the parent and art class they have. They took time out to see that these things had happened. The upcoming events for them are the school dance, Washington D.C fundraiser and the honor roll events. For their action project, student leadership and AVID leaders are addressing free dress and they are trying to figure out a project that really addresses this issue.

Delegates at Mel Rose reported that the improvements in their school are the technology and the better sport enrichment classes. The improvements happened because of the grants they got for laptops. The remaining concerns they have already shared with Nutrition Services in their school are less people are eating breakfast and lunch because breakfast is late, not enough juice and dated milk. The way the school has tried to solve these problems is by keeping better track of when the food is served. Their upcoming events for the school are their dance-a-thon fundraiser, and soccer season for boys and girls. For their action project, leadership class is addressing behavior and discipline. Their project is taking observation notes and making recommendations on student behavior and discipline.

Delegates at Westlake reported that the improvements in their school are less fights accruing, additional after school programs and respect awards assembly. The ways these improvements happened was because the students following the "Westlake Way" and added programs such as drama, girls basketball, and 6-7 grade basketball. The upcoming events for them are college career week.

Our Next ACC Middle School Event is the 15th Annual OUSD Middle School Peer Resource Conference, on April 3rd at UC Berkeley, Clark Kerr Conference Center, from 8am to 3pm.