



Office of the Board of Education

Student Director's Report

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All City Council Middle School Update

We just had our monthly Middle School Leadership Meeting on Tuesday October 20th, with 37 students representing 5 middle schools (Barack Obama Academy, Edna Brewer, Montera, Melrose Leadership Academy, and Explore). The ACC Governing Board led a workshop on the importance of our School Site Councils, what they do, and how middle school students can participate in them. Students walked away really interested in joining or at least attending their respective school site councils.

Our middle school delegates reported the following improvements at their schools:

- Melrose is continuing their project to get lockers. Students are organizing fundraisers with food sales and a community day to build lockers at Melrose.
- Explore students are seeing that stricter rules, after school activities, and conflict management are resulting in overall better relationships between people at Explore
- Students at Edna Brewer are happy about their new mural, longer lunches and longer passing periods
- Montera students were excited about room improvements on room 400 and more peaceful passing periods
- Students felt that there is a more unified student body at Barack Obama.

Some remaining concerns for our middle school delegates are:

- Students frustrated with each others' attitudes, lack of funding (for lockers), and school lunches at Melrose
- Lack of field trips, issues with cafeteria food, and gum chewing at Montera
- Violence and bullying, foul language, negative reinforcement, issues with uniforms, and graffiti at Explore.

The middle school delegates reported these upcoming Events

- Student Council elections & Saturday Football games Explore
- A trip to Washington D.C. at Barack Obama Academy
- Melrose is having a Halloween Dance, Farmer's Market, and 7th grade camping trip to Big Basin
- Conflict Manager training and student council meetings at Montera
- A Mural is being painted at Edna Brewer

All City Council High School Update

We also just had our monthly High School ACC General Meeting on October 15th. We revised and adopted our Student Bill of Rights and Responsibilities. We will be presenting this bill of rights to the Board after 1) we receive endorsement from more youth organizations, and 2) we ratify into our constitution at our next general meeting. We had a lot of student participation, and we were excited to see all of the students show such great interest in working on the document. We also held our fall election for open seats on the governing board. We elected our Treasurer, Michael Andemeskel, from Tech, and our other student director, Wesley Sims, from EOSA. On their school reports, delegates reported the following improvements:

- Working camera systems at Oakland Tech
- The building reconstruction at Oakland High
- The Bill of Rights Amendments from Skyline and Sojourner Truth,
- Increase in teacher effectiveness and positive student feedback at YES.

Delegates reported these remaining concerns:

Youth violence, theft and lack of buses at Oakland Tech.

Upcoming events at the high schools include:

- Spirit Week and a Rally at Oakland Tech
- Homecoming, and Halloween Activities at Oakland high
- Halloween Dance and Dia de los Muertos Potluck at YES

Next ACC Events & Meetings

1. High School General Meeting on November 19th from 1pm-3pm, at Oakland High
2. Middle School General Meeting on November 17th from 10am to noon, at Roosevelt- we would like the students to meet as many Board Members as possible on this day. I will be calling you to confirm your attendance.

3. We are co-hosting the **Oakland's Promise Alliance Helping All Students Graduate Summit, on November 14th at Castlemont**. We hope to see many people from the community and educators from our high schools participate. This is an action-oriented summit, where we will be showcasing the different programs that are helping students graduate and coming up with ways to strengthening what is already working.
4. We will also be meeting with AC Transit on November 4th to discuss transportation issues affecting some of our high schools.

Respectfully Submitted,

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