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Bella Montoya and Donovan Reid Student Directors' Report Board of Education Meeting February 8, 2012

All City Council Middle School Meeting

On January 17 we held our ACC Middle School meeting where we gave students the tools on facilitating and how to hold and run their own workshop meetings. The training also included public speaking and debate activities. Our former student director and current college student Nikita Mitchell volunteered to help facilitate our training. We had delegates from three different schools: Melrose, Bret Harte, and Edna Brewer.

- Melrose delegates reported improvements in their school. Improvements include not too many referrals being given, student's grades improving, and students making more friends. These improvements have happened because its report card time and students are maturing and seeing the importance of positive behavior. The remaining concern is that discipline not yet where they want it to be. Students are still having issues with tagging, and relationships (that cause conflict among students). The students in leadership have talked about these problems with teachers and administrators. The upcoming events for Melrose are: Academic and Community Bridges event, and report card conferences.
- Bret Harte delegates also reported improvements, including planning for a Mac computer lab, and how this was able to happen because their School Site Council (SSC) identified funding for it. The remaining concern in their school is bullying. The school, in partnership with student leaders from AVID, is trying to fix this problem by holding a meeting on this topic for the 7th and 8th grade. They also held their Spirit Week from January 23 through the 27.

- Edna Brewer’s delegates have reported that they need improvements with Textbooks and not having a Librarian. Students were not specific about the textbook issue, we need to follow up with them to get clarity on what books and what subject, and what the problem is. They are having an upcoming event, which is their Dance Assembly.
- Our Next ACC Middle School Meeting is on February 21st, from 10am to noon, at Bret Harte. The topic is student voice on school lunch.

All City Council High School Meeting

We held our High School Meeting on January 19th at Fremont. We had 53 students from 8 schools: McClymonds, Bunche, Dewey, Sojourner Truth, Oakland Tech, Oakland High, Fremont, and Met West. The topic for this meeting was campus social, emotional, and physical safety. We discussed what the current reaction is of administrators, teachers, security officers, and students when fights happen on our campuses or near our campuses (like across the street). Students expressed that staff does their best to try and keep fights from happening but they also stated some staff aren’t fully concerned when something like a fight happens. The students also talked about what kind of things they want to see changed from their school staff to ensure their safety.

- Delegates from Ralph J. Bunche stated that the improvements in their school is the new roof so that when it rains the halls no longer get wet, new basketballs and better relationships with SSOs. Their leadership classes will also start on January 26. The only remaining concerns they have are the food in the cafeteria, the bathrooms are not clean/sanitary, no senior trip, and getting a better place for graduation. They also stated that they have not talked to their principal about these issues, so the school can fix any of these issues. The upcoming events for them are Prom, Multicultural assembly, and Valentine’s Day Events.
- Delegates from Oakland High stated that the improvements in their school are the Attendance rates and tardy sweeps. Their leadership class is hosting a blood drive and a “Golden Apple” event where outstanding students or teachers are chosen. The remaining concerns are the dropout rates, attendance and grades. The school has tried and resolved these problems by conducting tardy sweeps along with detention and holding Saturday school. The upcoming events for them are the winter ball and the blood drive.
- Delegates from Dewey Academy stated that the improvements in their school are more money for student programs and Ninja Knowledge where they mix academics with fun activities. Their leadership class is recruiting new leaders, planning for W.A.S.C visit, supporting advisory, planning activities, attending meetings and participating in internship programs. The remaining concerns are the part time counselor and disrespectful cafeteria manager. Leadership is working with the school and currently trying to resolve these problems.

- Delegates from Sojourner Truth stated that the improvement in their school is more sports. The leadership class is planning to get more school activities. The remaining concerns are that the plans for the activities won't happen. The school has tried to resolve their problem by posting flyers and making announcements. The upcoming events for them are dance class and career day.
- Our Next ACC High School Meeting is February 16th, 1pm to 3pm, at Oakland Tech.

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