

Office of the Board of Education

Student Directors' Report

September 27, 2011

All City Council Middle (ACC) School Update

Due to five (5) schools unable to attend for their own reasons, we weren't able to have our Middle School Leadership Retreat. ACC will have its next middle school meeting on October 18th at Frick Middle School.

ACC High School Update

ACC's first high school meeting took place September 15 in Hunter Hall. Five (5) schools came to represent their students: Bunche, Dewey, MetWest, Oakland High, and Fremont and our meeting went well. We broke down what All City Council is, how they can be part of it, and we ended up having a lot of students being interested in running for positions. Ten (10) students either nominated themselves, or someone else nominated them to run for our October 20th election.

I want to thank our Superintendent for coming and taking the time to talk to students about the Restructuring in a way they can understand. We will do our best to support and communicate to other students the financial situation of our district and how we need to work with what we have to create the best possible schools and school experience for ALL students. I also want to thank Mr. David Montes de Oca for coming with so much energy and doing a great workshop on the need for restructuring.

In this meeting, we also broke down the Oakland Students' Bill of Rights (which ACC created and adopted last year) and how we are focusing on four (4) points from this platform this year: Number four - diverse, effective, quality teachers; Number five - A-G Courses; number six - code of conduct: and number eight - cultural pride and dignity (Ethnic Studies course development & cultural unity & celebrations). Overall the meeting was awesome.

Delegates submitted the following school reports:

- Bunche delegates reported that they are getting elections started. Their remaining concerns are the equipment (did not specify what equipment), bathrooms, and cafeteria. They are working with their school staff to resolve the problems.
- MetWest delegates reported improvements are the community - It feels better than last year. The plan for student leadership is a Senior Committee. The remaining concerns they have are not having bells and the lack of materials. Students have not brought these issues up with staff or their principal. Upcoming events are Friday Town Halls.

- Oakland High student representatives are happy their new building is complete; the new health clinic is open; they have new Spanish and Cantonese teachers; and new basketball courts. For their student leadership and student elections they are currently in process of organizing homecoming, spirit week, a rally, and electing freshmen class officers. Their remaining concerns are cutbacks of a lot of their teacher's, classroom size, students not able to take foreign language classes, attendance after lunch period, and cutting of the foreign language department. The school has not tried to resolve any of these issues as far as students know. Their upcoming events are Club Faire on 9/21/11, Back to School Night 9/20/11, Delegate Assembly 9/29/11, and building name dedication 9/24/11.
- Fremont delegates reported that they have a leadership class during the day for all the three schools to be involved! For their student leaderships class they are planning an election in the spring and they are coming together to plan leadership activities for all of Fremont students. One of their concerns is making school dances possible. Their upcoming event is First Friday on 10/14/11, where they will have internship, jobs, college and financial aid information.

Our next ACC High School meeting is October 20th on the Castlemont campus.