

OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Student Directors' Report
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ACC Middle School Updates

56 students from three middle schools (Montera, Barack Obama, and Melrose Leadership Academy) participated in the last ACC Middle School General Meeting at Montera. ACC High School Governing Board students facilitated two workshops on food justice, "You Are What You Eat", and the OUSD Wellness Policy. Joyce Peters from OUSD Nutrition Services came again this month, to talk to students about key components of the Wellness Policy, what students should look for at their schools, and how students can help create change by lobbying for healthier food and more federal funding for our school lunch program. Student leaders committed to sending decorated lunch trays to Washington DC, and to implement the Secret Shopper Program to evaluate cafeteria food and service at their school. During the conversation one of the most interesting things was that a student proposed the idea of OUSD teaching students to cook so that students could also volunteer their time in the cafeteria.

School Reports:

Montera reported that they improved on cleaning up the campus and also they said that their new garden makes their campus prettier. Their concerns were that they need a heater in their new 400 room, where student leaders meet. They asked for more school supplies and recycling bins to support their going green efforts. Their complaints centered around food and the need for more rigorous curriculum.

Melrose reported that they fundraised one thousand dollars for leadership! They are also very happy with their extra space at recess and a more student friendly dress code. Their concerns are that they still have no lockers, their possessions are being stolen, their food is not being cooked all the way, and that they are being moved into portables. Their upcoming events are a field trip to the museum, going ice-skating, and taking a trip to Marin Headlands.

Barrack Obama had plenty to say. They developed a peer mediation program to handle conflicts and communicate better, which has led to students helping to reinforce school rules. Their concerns are their lunch, their PE instructor, the lack of art classes, and not having a gym. They are in the process of discussing these issues with the principal and other staff to get these problems solved. Their upcoming events are a trip to the flea market, and Washington D.C. They are requesting donations for these trips. They also believe that all city council should go on more expeditions that allow the kids to see life outside of Oakland.

We apologize to Westlake leadership teacher, Mr. Bell, and all the Westlake leadership students for the confusion about our meeting location change. The next

ACC Middle School Meeting will take place at Westlake on February 16th from 10am to noon.

High School Updates

34 students from 7 different schools (EOSA, CBIT, Leadership Prep, YES, ISP, Met West, Oakland High) participated at our 5th ACC High School General Meeting at Castlemont on January 21st. We distributed the student-teacher feedback packets, and students will begin conducting their teacher evaluations in the next week on the Skyline, Fremont, Castlemont, YES, and Oakland High campuses. We also finalized our agenda for our Teen Action Summit on Safety and Drop Out Prevention, which will take place Thursday February 18th from 10am to 3pm, here in Hunter Hall. We also finalized our student action research survey on student support. Data collection will begin within the next two weeks, and continue through March.

High School Reports:

Sojourner Truth said some improvements have been fixed lights, fixed heating, and replacement of broken items. Thank you facilities, buildings and grounds!

Oakland High said that they are excited about the on-going modernization of their school. However a remaining concern is the leaking in some classroom ceilings due to heavy rain. They reported that workers are coming to fix some of the leaks but haven't gotten to them all yet. Their upcoming events are their winter ball, winter carnival and their Lunar New Year party in May.

EOSA reported Restorative Justice classes starting, and accredits them to Youth Together and All City Council for helping to get them implemented. Remaining concerns are teacher support, and EOSA restructuring which they hope students will have full knowledge of and participation in. The Boston School of Arts came and enjoyed performances from the Castleleers and other performing arts students. Some students feel that that they would like more challenging work, more consistent teachers, fewer substitutes, unlocked bathrooms or two extra minutes for passing period to go to the restroom, and for more flexibility with Ipods and other electronics. Students are preparing for their finals.

Yes reported that Class organization has improved and teacher task forces are clearer on their purpose and their understanding of P. I. 4 status and other school restructuring issues. They said that MSE support has helped their advisor and their students to also step up to facilitate leadership class. Students also have more access to school data and are creating solutions based on test score, attendance, truancy, and other data, as well as the ACC data findings. Some remaining concerns are school culture, student attendance, and their school budget and restructuring. Teachers have been making more calls home for positive and negative behavior, and teachers are communicating expectations more clearly. Their upcoming event is their student-led an organized parent night, on Jan 25th from 5pm -7pm.

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