

All City Council Student Union's Student Director Report
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Good afternoon students, families, board members, Superintendent, and OUSD community.

On November 29th, I along with Raquel Jimenez, Director of LSA, Ms. Baez Assistant Principal of Fremont High School, Director Torres, President Harris, etc. We visited schools in Hayward to look at the Puente Program; a program that concentrates on building student capacity with english and literature, using culturally relevant books that reflect the students to do so.

On November 30th All City Council Student Union had their second high school meeting hosted by Life Academy. During this meeting, eleven high schools were represented, the high schools were; Life Academy, Fremont, Street Academy, Skyline High School, Oakland High, Oakland Tech, Madison Park Academy, McClymonds, Oakland International, CCPA, and Metwest. During this meeting students were trained on Youth Participatory Action Research, and they began to brainstorm on different ways that we can conduct research for our focus of the year which is building meaningful youth and adult partnerships. Our research question is: How do we create sustainable, safe, and empowered decision making spaces (equitable, meaningful) for youth in Oakland? By the end of this section everyone decided to conduct research through surveys, fishbowls, and use social media as a tool. Then created questions that would be asked to students and adults. Students also accomplished some committee work. The committees that students worked in were LCAP, Culture and Climate and Health and Wellness. Lastly, students had an opportunity to learn about the budget cuts and ask questions with Superintendent Kyla Johnson Trammell. Troy Christmas and Jody Talkington were also there to help students learn about tools available on the OUSD main website. Delegates were able to give feedback and speak up on what they believe should happen around the budget cuts. ACC Delegates voiced they did not want to see cuts from special education, newcomer programs, restorative justice, and the family and student engagement office.

On December 12th All City council Student union had their third middle school meeting, hosted by Westlake.

Oakland Tech Delegates reported that there custodians have accepted the feedback and as a result there has been better bathroom management. However, they need better textbooks and they have again mentioned that they want better cafeteria food. Additionally, they are working with the principal to build a campaign to bring raise attendance. Oakland Tech will be having a Winter ball on December 12th, Restorative justice circles and more culture and climate meetings

Oakland International delegates report that they have more extracurricular activities. Some remaining concerns is the school food, ventilation, and bathrooms are not working. Additionally, they said that they are communicating with the principal to work on these issues. Oakland International still does not have a leadership program so we need to find a way to support them to make sure they have a space to have student voice.

Fremont delegates reported that they recently had a cultural week to celebrate cultures which help build culture and climate. Moreover They have better teacher support but their bathrooms are still dirty. In student leadership they are working to see how they can improve the school and they have been communicating with teachers to see how they can help support with events at schools. Some upcoming events is that they will have performances before winter break.

Skyline delegates reported that they have no improvements, which means there needs to be a deep investigation as to what specifically they want to see. Some concerns they have is the admin changes because they have rebuild relationships with them. Also they have outdated textbooks and so they are not able to have updated information when learning. Additionally, Skyline has brought up the issue that bathrooms are not accessible to them. The leadership team is also working on building enrollment at their school. They also report that the principal has not interacted with their Leadership team. Some upcoming events they will have are winter ball, kindness week, and shadow day.

Life Academy delegates reported that their student body is increasing student life, which is positive for this means more student engagement. Some concerns they have is school food and the bathrooms (Sink faucet not working). The student leadership team is working on conducting interviews and fish bowls, in order, to gather data about student & teacher relationships. Upcoming events are LIFE Snowball Dance.

Madison Park Academy delegates reported that the intensity of tokenization has decreased, as well as, administration... However some concerns... are of computers. The leadership team is currently working on helping the community, also getting bathrooms facilities usable.

Street Academy delegates reported that the school is offering condoms now. Some remain concerns is still the lunch, as mentioned numerous times before, and the need for more mental health resources. In order to address these concerns, a event will be held on the 13th and they will be talking about it. Student Leadership has been working on events like spirit week, prom, and college tours.

Oakland High School delegates reported that they have a future center, also more available support. Some concerns are around bathroom sanitation and lack of toilet seat covers. To address those concerns students are request added funds to school budget for restrooms. Student Leadership has been developing the winter teacher luncheon, then the development of the winter ball. Upcoming events are Winter Teachereon 12/13 and Winter ball 2/26.

MetWest High School delegates reported that an improvement was the school offering breakfast and lunch. A remaining concern is teachers & principal not being supportive, and to try and address this concern a meeting was set-up bt was later on canceled.

CCPA delegates reported that they are not aware of any improvement at their school site. However, a remaining concern is the bathroom sanitation and being stocked with supplies. In order to address these concerns, they are talking to their principal/adults about what going on. The leadership team is working on developing Restorative Justice for their school.

Upcoming events:

- 3rd High School Meeting on January 13th at 1000 Broadway from 8am-5pm
- 4th Middle School Meeting on January 23th at Roosevelt from 12:00pm-3:00pm

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