

Parent Diversity Advisory Council



Revised Mission Statement

Focused on student achievement, the mission of the Parent Diversity Advisory Council is to positively impact the academic achievement of a diverse student population through school-specific outreach efforts and initiatives that focus on and directly address disparate academic performance.

Role of PDAC

PDAC serves in an advisory capacity as a catalyst for collaborative action among district parents, parent organizations, teachers, principals and administration to support and address student achievement.

1. Facilitate monthly conversations with PTA liaisons to share best practices, address issues of diversity, discuss challenges and opportunities, collaborate on school-specific and district-wide PDAC initiatives / programs such as Dialogue Circles, parent meetings, etc.
2. Act in an advisory capacity to principals to coordinate outreach to parents of under-achieving students, assist with evaluation / development of parental outreach ideas/activities, assist in the development and/or execution of school improvement action items.
3. Organize community-wide opportunities such as: Dialogue Circles, Cultural Arts and Multicultural Bookfair, Speakers.

2009-2010 School Year

During the 2009-2010 school year PDAC will:

1. Assume particular focus on engaging the parents of under-achieving students.
2. Assume an advisory role to district parents, parent organizations, teachers, principals and administration.
3. Hold monthly meetings with school PTA liaisons to build a network of school representatives focused and versed on issues of diversity, parental involvement and academic achievement within their home school.

4. Respond to requests for assistance from principals to work with their school population to evaluate / address parental involvement so as to impact student achievement.
5. Respond to requests from individual schools for dialogue facilitation – Dialogue Circles.
6. Respond to the needs of district administration for assistance with diversity-related issues, parental involvement and student achievement.
7. Compile district-wide Interpreter Listing

During the 2009-2010 school year PDAC will not:

1. Not hold monthly community meetings focused on particular issues.
2. Hold community-wide Dialogue Circles
3. Organize the Cultural Arts and Multicultural Bookfair
4. Will not compile Diversity Calendar

During the 2009-2010 school year PDAC will work towards:

1. Establishing a strong network of knowledgeable parent advocates in all IPSD schools
2. Evaluating the impact of PDAC outreach and initiatives
3. Hosting the Cultural Arts and Multicultural Bookfair every other year
4. Determining the best organizational structure to sustain the work of the PDAC into the future

Organizational Structure:

Chair	Sandra Charles
Vice Chair / Teacher Rep	Rachael Batchu
Administration Liaison	Michael Popp
IPSD Board Liaisons	Alka Tyle / Cathy Piehl
Treasurer	<i>Vacant</i>
Secretary	Rachel DePorte

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