

Parent Diversity Advisory Council

2009-2010

Meeting Minutes -- **DRAFT**

Date: October 14, 2009

- **Introductions/ Attendance:** Sandra Charles (PDAC Chair), Rachael Batchu (PDAC Vice-Chair), Evy Bowman (PTA Liaison, Brooks), Nina Prabhu (PTA Liaison, Young), Mark Rising (PTA Liaison, Granger), Jimena Hassler (guest), Cathy Piehl (Board Liaison and Temp PTA Liaison for Waubonsie and Watts), Esther Wong (PTA Liaison, Scullen), Mike Popp (District liaison to PDAC), Celeste Green (PTA Liaison, Owen), Crystal Blount (PTA Liaison, Fischer), Reeta Roy (PTA Liaison, Builta), Kelia Guyton (PTA Liaison, Gombert), Saily Joshi (PTA Liaison, Brookdale), Rachel DePorte (PDAC Secretary), Jean Donovan (PTA Liaison, Neuqua)

PDAC – where it started, where we are now: Started as a means to set the groundwork for inclusion. within the district. Now we are focusing on student achievement.

- **Discussion Topic:** The Focus of PDAC & the Role of the PTA Liaison (see handout for full details)

Mission of PDAC has been updated and now reads as follows:

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.

The mission can be summarized into two areas:

1. Focused on student achievement
2. We recognize that there are differences in the student population.

Role of the PTA Liaison: We know that we can't reach into every school community on our own and we need your help to address issues that you see in your school environment. We are an advisory council to the School Administration.

- **Article Share:** Parent Teacher Conferences – reviewed by Rachael Batchu – Reps can bring this back to their school and share with their principal and their school community. This will be on-line this Friday (15th) on the PDAC website.

- **Establish Meeting Expectations for the 2009-2010 Year – establish collective commitments:**

Meetings

- be here (both physically – if you can't be here then send someone in your place -- and being a great listener, actively participate and focus on the mission of this group)
- be non-judgmental
- be the “voice”/”educator”
- mentor each other
- “connect”
- starting on time and ending on time

Schools:

- build relationship with principal and PTA
- Formalize it – contact your PTA President and be on PTA agenda every month.
- Common message – we should be consistent.
- Put something in the newsletters at each school (also consistent)
- Increase PTA diversity
- be the “voice”/”educator”
- get to know “their” story - connect

- **Diversity:** “It doesn't affect my school”. Lead by Sandra Charles
It's how we are as individuals – not just about race, ethnicity, culture, etc. (see handout “diversity is about.....”)
- **Liaison Take-away:**
 - **Share** your role and that of PDAC with your school community.
 - **Share** whandout “what diversity is about...” with your individual PTAs
- **For Next Meeting:** How can PDAC assist your school community?
- **Next Meeting Date:** Tuesday, November 3rd from 7 to 9 p.m.

Questions about Meeting Minutes Should Be Directed To: Rachel DePorte