

Parent Diversity Advisory Council



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.

PDAC's Focus

Acknowledging & Addressing Challenges to Academic Excellence

- **Students:** The ability to conduct the business of learning.
- **Families:** The ability to support their child in the education process.
- **Staff/Administration:** The ability to conduct the business of teaching.

Building a Community of Understanding

- **Build Bridges:** Provide opportunities to build a relationship with all members of the IPSD community.
- **Bridge Understanding:** Increase awareness and knowledge of all stakeholders for the benefit of all stakeholders.
- **Build Understanding:** Research specific needs and collaborate with all members of the community to implement common goals.