

SAC / Padres en Accion 1-8-2026

Request from teachers union representative, Irma Sandoval:

There is an effort to add a state ballot initiative to raise funding for schools

- District-wide and state-wide, school enrollment is dropping significantly. School funding is tied to the number of students enrolled.
- Funding is being decreased AND our per pupil funding is not in line with the national average.
- Post cards to request maintaining/increasing the budget for schools.
- Drop it in Ms. Sandoval's mailbox by January 20th. She will deliver to legislature in Jan. 22

Student Advisory Committee (SAC) Meeting, hosted by Mr. Holt

Update on Academic Monitoring in classrooms

- Mr. Holt is very enthusiastic about the success teachers are seeing with Academic Monitoring (part of Irish's Priority Improvement Plan)
- How it works: Grade level teams look at the standard/expectations. Create a task that demonstrates achievement of the standard. Teachers perform a quick check of each student's achievement of these small steps via laps around the classroom with named objectives. This increases student engagement because they are not permitted to opt out of learning. Bite-sized feedback for each student in regular intervals. Use of timers to keep students on task. Seeing dramatic improvements for some students.
- Active monitoring is currently occurring at Lincoln, Irish and Tavelli. This system will be rolling out to all schools at all levels in the future.

Spanish language achievement tests:

- Will be taking place two weeks from now
- 2 tests – one for native Spanish speakers, one for Spanish language learners

Misc. Updates:

- Want to communicate with parents the positive impact that is being witnessed in the classrooms. Teachers can share specific feedback with parents about when students took a risk and achieved goals. This system has shown improvements in behavior problems as well as increased academic learning.
- MAPS – good growth 3-5th grade. Achievement has been great this year (this is a comparison with other student performance state-wide)
- EASI Grant – for priority improvement and turnaround schools. If we get it, we'll receive funding for staff development for improving outcomes for kids. Will know by the end of January by the end of this month.
- January 27th – a presentation will be given at the board meeting about what can be done district-wide to address funding shortfalls.

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Winter Celebration Recap:

- gained around \$1300
- A special thanks to the Dominguez family & ____ family for their contribution of tacos (Jill M.)
- Reflections:
 - o loved all of the food that was donated
 - o events spread throughout the building created good flow (was the attendance lower?)
 - o we did a good job with signage to alert families of where food was
 - o we had far fewer items that families could buy
 - o we don't need to buy crafts for next year (we had plenty leftover)
 - o timing was good – the week after Thanksgiving does not give enough time for soliciting donations

Coffee Cart for Teachers was great

Upcoming fundraisers

- t-shirt: design and t-shirt color, Alondra Flores made AMAZING designs. The group unanimously selected one of her options and a tshirt color/style to print on.
- There was discussion of printing Ms. Flores's design on waterbottle stickers, beanies, or baseball caps
- Illegal Pete's Fundraiser – on Tuesday, January 22

- Planning next month for Rollerland evening
- Need to begin gathering donations for the Day of the Child auction (Apr. 30)

Ways that we can fund teacher efforts:

- Gift cards to support classroom celebrations?
- Support for the PE family day?

Next Meeting: Thursday, Feb. 12, 5 – 7 p.m.