

**Pittsburg Unified School District  
DAC Meeting  
January 10, 2023  
District Board Room**

**Foothill:**

**Heights:**

**Highlands:**

**Los Medanos:**

**Parkside:** Claudia Barrera

**Willow Cove:**

**Stoneman:**

**Marina Vista:** Tasharie Ameral,  
Liz Belleci

**Hillview JH:** Alma Rodrigues,

Martha Campos, Hillview's VP

**Rancho Medanos JH:** Susana Osafo

**MLK, Jr. JH:**

**PHS:** Mark Linde, Susana Osafo,

María Zárate, Marion Barnor, Alma

Rodríguez

**Educational Services:** Shelley

Velasco, Lorena Asdourian

**Call the meeting to order and introductions:**

Ms. Tasharie Ameral called the meeting to order at 5:55 p.m.

Introductions were done.

**Changes or additions.**

Mrs. Rodriguez requested to have an item added to the Agenda.

PHS Traffic Control. This item would be added after the item of Safety at Hillview. A motion to do the changes in the Agenda was done by Mrs. Claudia Barrera and it was seconded by Mrs. Rodriguez.

**Minutes approval for the October 18, 2022.**

The following changes were done:

- Ms. Zarate requested to remove a comment sentence in page 3.
- On the last page there was a question on who made the second motion to adjourn the meeting. The second motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ms. Belleci.
- No additional changes.

The first motion to approve the minutes of October 18, 2022 was made by Mrs. Zárate and it was seconded by Mrs. Barnor. The minutes for the October 18, 2022 were approved by everyone.

**Safety at Hillview Junior High.**

Mrs. Velasco: At our last meetings one of the topics was a concern on how do we support the schools on safety. Mr. Whitmire, our high school principal came and talked about the safety plan at PHS and hear the concerns and would to some changes.

Mrs. Martha Campos, Vice Principal from Hillview Junior High is here.  
Thanks for being here.

Mrs. Campos thanked everyone for having her. Some things that we have put in place after Covid are very helpful. The staff is very happy of having a camera with Ring. We have an older school and Ms. Alicia Bush, is our District Safety Coordinator reviews the areas that need safety.

We have a rolled down gate. We put the Campus Resources on rotation to close the gate. After ten minutes, the students have to go thru the main entrance, the gates are lock. Students know they have to be at school on time. We noticed that there are less tardy students.

The parents have been able to understand to go thru two set of doors. We put in place the rotation for the campus security. After lunch, the Campus Resources check the cameras. It is nice to know that they have students that may come back from outside. We are not an open campus. The students know that the campus is a close campus.

Other safety concerns? Someone asked duties. All the teachers have morning and lunch duties, we have teachers in active duties and also after school to unlock the gates, there is always two adults or teachers. Every one of our staff have active duty.

Is the lunch duty supervised by CSEA or PEA?

Mrs. Shelley Velasco mentioned that on rainy days, teachers are asked if they would like to help, and they have a timesheet.

Mrs. Rodríguez. I know you are working in improving the safety in the school. One of the things I missed from the pandemic, is the golf car. Do we still have the golf car? It is used to go around the school? She continued, on the corner of El Dorado, there have been few times that I see students fighting in the park. I would like a fence in the area next to the creek. It is very dangerous, I seen student being pushed. It is dangerous!

Mr. Ameral mentioned, this could be brought to the city council meetings.

Mrs. Rodriguez. They had a meeting and we told them. Unfortunately, there is no crossing guard helping at Hillview. Before a person would go around on the golf car to check.

Mrs. Martha Campos mentioned: This are the concerns I have.

- Do we still have a golf car?
- A few times have stopped fights.
- Not crossing guards for Hillview.

Another concern by Mrs. Rodriguez is about students who are bullying and have been physical with other students. I feel that administrators are helping me, but is not fair and all this intimidation it does not help the students.

Mrs. Shelley Velasco: **What are we doing to address some of the currents trend of discipline?**

Mr. Linde. I understand that the district has disciplines codes to follow.

Dr. Pamela Butler-Harris. I am a teacher, as a teacher I do not feel save. I signed up to teach students with behavior. There has to be a limit. It feels like they change the law about Willful Defiance, instead of suspending students, we take a restorative approach.

Someone mentioned, I am not seeing the consequences, I see students fighting or spiting. We are in a dangerous position, and we have people that have lost their jobs. We are jeopardizing our safety and jobs.

Mrs. Barnor. Each day the school district has to do more. The point is you see a young student, and the student would use the F word all the time. I am at work. If I do this, I would get fired! Please. Something has to be done. No excuses.

Ms. Rodríguez mentioned, I know you can handle a student that can handle things. I know what happened to those programs you had before. My student was spelled and the other student, nothing. What happened to those programs that they used to have. We have to inspire the students at the elementary level.

Mrs. Velasco. **What kind of program we can do?**

Mrs. Martha Campos, VP of Hillview Junior High mentioned:

- The golf card situation was fixed.
- Any kind of fights we go to Buchanan Park.

- I am assigned to the front of the school and the side.
- We notify each other if we see a group, we are also very concern.

I want to thank for all your concerns. Regarding the discipline, the law was changed. We do not send them home. We are fortunate to have Dr. Dargan; a Board-certified Behavior Analyst and he helps teachers and the students. Teachable moments that the parents have to agree to signed and send the students.

Etiquette. Social Media etiquette. I have been in education over 30 years, I have seen the challenges. We have some programs and we invite the parents to Restorative Justice and parents do not come. We are aware, we do not take likely, we do safety checks.

Mr. Linde. Mentioned.

- It is unfortunate that our teachers are there to teach and have to deal with this. They need help.
- We need to approach the district to approach a uniform policy. The district needs to contact the lawyers. We need to help our kids. I would like the district to go the next level.
- If we could have a fence in the school. Maybe a gate. The back area is highly unsecured.
- A crossing guard at San Juan.
- Security measures have to be talked with the supervisor and Board.

Mrs. Zarate. We care about kids.

- We need to teach them respect.
- Conscious Discipline.
- How to help the students and the bullying.
- The rules need to be enforced.
- More contact with parents.
- Some parents do not care, parents need to know what is going on. They need to know consequences.
- We need to respect. They are losing respect. Where is the respect?
- Improve the discipline, teach them respect.
- When they know if there would be a fight send messages to the parents so they can call their kids.
- More security. Cameras.

Ms. Barrera.

There are too many people at the district that are disconnected with what is happening at the schools. I worked with a principal that is there all the times. There is so much that a principal can't do without a backup. District personnel should come to observe. To get help for these students when they are in elementary. It starts at the elementary level.

Mr. Linde, it is sad that a teacher that he/she did all her credentialing and studding and the teacher had to assumed consequences.

Ms. Barrera. There should be accountability. There is no accountability.

Ms. Ameral.

I want to agree, we need to start with elementary. We have students that need additional behavior or psychological help.

We could have another conversation. This is a very productive conversation we are having but is goes away from the Hillview's presentation.

Mrs. Shelley Velasco.

**How can we improve the safe is our school?**

- Brainstorming.
- What is going on?
- Do we know people that are working?

Someone mentioned. I would like to have the Superintended and Board members in the meeting. Do the minutes go to the superintendent?

Mrs. Velasco. The minutes go to the superintendent and I also talk to the superintendent.

Mrs. Ameral. Please let us know. When we can have this discussion.

Mr. Mark Linde mentioned of a back door that has been opened at Hillview. Students are opening the fences and doors. The gates have a chain and lock.

Mrs. Rodriguez. One of the things I was thinking. It is always the same parents that show up. I heard that Hillview wants to discipline the students by taking away events. I don't think it is good that they take away the good things from them because some students are misbehaving. Do more activities, good activities for the students.

Ms. Osafo. Question for Mrs. Campos.

- What if a child is scare of another child? What are you doing immediately?
- There are children that are overlooked. My child wants to come to school and he is afraid. What is the school doing?

Mrs. Barnor. Since we got the Ring camera, it is helping, but we do not know what the people have. The Ring Camera is not enough. Whoever opens the door is at risk!

Ms. Campos mentioned that regarding the dancing or activities that are taken away, they are individual to the student. We do not suspend an activity for all the school. It has been individual.

Regarding bullying, the student is invited or taken to the Wellness Center. To find out what is going. We also have On Campus Suspensions. We do the wellness checks.

Question. What happens to the child the is in fear? We refer them to Restorative Action. We invite students with permission of the parents for the circle to talk with the Restorative Justice Facilitator.

Shelley thanked Mrs. Campos.

### **Addition to the Agenda.**

Mrs. Rodriguez. Regarding the addition to the Agenda items.

Mr. Alvarado is a concern parent as myself. We have a letter that we would like to present. This letter is about safety in the high school. We list some of the things that need to be addressed.

We brought this letter to Mr. Whitmire and there are things addressed to the city.

Mrs. Shelley Velasco. I think this is an Agenda item and it could be sent to the schools site councils to be an agenda item.

Mrs. Zarate, mentioned that it needs to be presented to the city and to the Board.

Ms. Ameral, thanked Mrs. Rodriguez for this information.

Mrs. Barnor. The City of Pittsburg is a great city. The city is not doing enough in our city. Every good thing is not in Pittsburg. It is important for our community to have recreation of interest for our students.

Mrs. Velasco. Good of the other.

### **Public comments.**

Ms. Velasco mentioned that on Monday, January 23, at 6:00 pm the DELAC Committee is having their meeting with information about Food Services. Concerns about the food quality. The meeting will be in English and Spanish and would like to invite our DAC group.

- The Parent Engagement Policy was tabled again from the Agendas of: 10/18/22, 11/8/22 and 1/10/23.
- The approval of minutes from 11/8/22 were tabled.

Ms. Tasharie Ameral. Asked if there was another public comment? She mentioned that Elementary teachers are being asked to teach ELD and Science at the same time. There were a lot of expressions from teachers that is not appropriate to address the needs of EL while teaching Science.

There are many educators that are in support of teaching Science during the EL time designation. To Shelley, I want you to know that there are teachers that may want to teach Science. I wanted to bring this to you. Maybe a Zoom meeting with information.

### **Schools reports.**

Email Lorena any reports.

To be added in the minutes. (As of 2/22/23 no reports were submitted).

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dr. Buttler-Harris and it was seconded by Ms. Barrera.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, February 7, 2023