



RCSD Board of Education Business Meeting
May 2022

PLAC's Leadership Team meeting this month was on May 2nd with Chiefs Peluso, Morien and Strickland. There has been a lot of change over in this area of the district and as we continue to seek accountability to our students at every level, the consistency in the work of the chief level positions is ever more valuable. We want to thank them for taking time out of the chaos of budget season to meet with us.

The next Leadership Team meeting is Monday, June 6th via zoom at 6PM. If you're a parent of a child in the Rochester City School District and would like to join the PLAC Leadership Team, email plac@rcsdk12.org.

For the first week of May, the district-wide Parent Groups combined efforts of BEC, SEPAC, MPAC and PLAC to appreciate every staff and faculty member across the district. We sent out daily thank you's through social media and on Friday, May 6th we were able to gift 583 buttons to transportation who are "Always going to the extra miles for Rochester's students", 450 to central office and Parent help coupons as well as over 4,000 coupon books for every teacher, administrator and staff within buildings and programs. We are thankful for you and what you do every day to support every student. We want to thank Kelli Briggs, Shardai Bowman, the Communications Department and the Print Shop for their support in this enormous project.

The Executive School Based Planning Team did not meet this month. Members of the PLAC Leadership Team have reached out to schools and Parents to confirm those listed as SBPT Parent representatives. Many of those Parents are members of the PLAC General Membership and when asked if they were currently members of their team and/or when the next meeting or the last meeting was, were unable to tell us. We have been able to confirm 7 of 46 schools and their active Parents while the reports we have seen from the district show 95% compliance with this mandate. It has taken an entire school year to get an understanding of this problem and we are making plans to fill these seats for the coming school year. If you are interested in being a part of your SBPT team, please let us know. The system for verifying Parent representation on these teams is broken and we ask for a fix to this to be discussed at the next ESBPT meeting at the beginning of June.

Policy 1900 has been returned from legal and we are reviewing their notes. We are working on confirming a meeting date with legal for early June.

The 2022-23 budget passed the board on May 17th and it was clear there are some major concerns about what is in it, what isn't and how it was created. We look forward with the

understanding of an open budget process. Students are the stakeholders and Parents are the decision makers. A budget should not move forward without the active participation of both.

The Special Meeting on May 17th also included a resolution for the hiring of a Director of the Office of Parent Engagement, which is confusing because we were told that wasn't going to happen before the department was reconfigured. Having taken the job effective May 23rd, we're concerned that none of the Parent Groups were contacted or introduced. This was brought to our attention from an outside source who asked how she was doing in the role.

The big event of the month for PLAC was our very first in-person Parent Celebration and family fun night on Wednesday, May 18th. We served dinner to over 250 adults and children on the front lawn of East High School. Rec on the move and bounce houses entertained the kids. The City of Rochester Youth Services, RCSD Placement and the RCSD School of Innovation shared information for summer programming and planning. We want to thank Shirley Green and Kiara Warren from the City of Rochester, the Office of Parent Engagement and Strategic Partnerships, the Communications Department, El Latino and Wegmans as well as the incredible facilities staff at East High for all of their support. We also wanted to uplift and thank Dr. Nelms and Commissioners Adams, Simmons and Vice President LeBron for stopping by. As part of this report we are adding our check-in checklist of tables and pictures can be seen on the PLAC Facebook page.

Safety continues to be a major concern in our school buildings which has only grown after the incidents in Buffalo and Texas over the last couple of weeks. We have Parents that will represent PLAC at the Board Work Session on June 2nd and the in-person safety discussion on June 1st. It is important to remember that our children are kids and kids make mistakes but they are not born criminals. Exclusionary practices in elementary school or at any age, of suspensions from buildings and buses without a process or restoration plan is unacceptable. Guns **on any person** in a school building is unacceptable and we have yet to find a Parent that wants an armed police officer **in** a school building.

We are your Community, we expect Equity for every student. Communication, Consistency and Accountability should be your only paths forward.

Thank you for the time and space to share. Please forward all questions, comments or concerns to plac@rcsdk12.org.

The Leadership Team of PLAC