

**Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) to the Superintendent Meeting
Sept. 22, 2016 Central Services Board Room
Key Communications**

Each school has two representatives on this committee. Attendees introduced themselves and shared their connections with the school district. Holly Miller and Grace Munson are co-chairs.

We are here to learn information, have discussions and give input to the superintendent **that we bring information back to each of our schools, share it, and bring back questions or concerns from other parents. Please send a substitute if you are unable to attend a future PAC meeting and represent your school.**

This is an important group that I work with as a sounding board as we make improvements.

[School Bus Levy](#) on November ballot: We have an old fleet and not enough spare buses for mechanical issues and to provide opportunities for students. PAC got an advance preview of this [video](#), then shared excitements, wonders and questions regarding a WTA partnership, video cameras on buses and behavior management, seatbelts, field trips, connection to start/end times, electric/hybrid buses, etc. [See Q&A](#) to use as talking points to help answer questions from other parents and our community on these topics and more.

Facilities Update: The new Happy Valley Elementary School opened this fall, and Parkview's new cafeteria and gym are complete. Construction at Options is beginning. Design of the new Sehome High School is continuing. *Q: When will Sunnyland and our older elementary schools be updated?* We have Alderwood, Sunnyland, Roosevelt, Carl Cozier, Columbia and Parkview in need of facility improvements. As we finish our current projects, we'll begin a conversation soon about what's next. *Q: Growth: There are a lot of new apartments and housing in the north, what's the impact on our schools?* We're looking at our attendance areas for both short-term adjustments to accommodate growth in the north, long-term adjustments in conjunction with updated or new facilities, and balanced demographics among our schools. We'll be in close communication and engage our families in this future work.

State Education Budget: The state lost the McCleary lawsuit for not adequately funding K-12 education. The state is in contempt of court for noncompliance. The court is in deliberation regarding next steps.

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Agenda Topic Input**

PAC members met in small groups and worked on which topics they'd like to have on the agenda this year, then shared ideas with the whole group. Co-chairs Grace and Holly