



Orange Unified School District
District Advisory Council
End-of-Year Survey *Results*

The information I found most helpful from the District Advisory Council meetings was:

- Budget highlights, Strategic Plan updates, Technology and School Safety updates
- I came away with a bigger picture of the efforts and challenges that the district faces
- Budget updates and Common Core updates (2)
- Budgetary information; both the money coming in and the coping plans already in place and proposed
- Common Core information
- State Testing (current and future changes)
- Common Core Standards, Budget, Safety Planning, Networking with other schools, access to Administration (2)
- Updates from District (calendar, SBA, Ipads, budget, testing) were all great. The information from presentations was helpful. I like knowing how the District came up with their conclusions and assessments; it gives us background to take back to school. It was great to have the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendents present at the meetings, thus making them more accessible.
- The opportunity to voice my opinion as a parent on issues in our schools and community, face to face interaction with District administrators, and the impression that they are working on answers to issues facing our kids

- Ideas about things I can do at home to support my child's education and well-being
- Keeping us up to date on the State's plans with budget and Common Core. Really appreciate the honesty of the District and the willingness to listen to parent suggestions and concerns

Suggested topics for next year:

- More of the same topics
- I keep coming across studies that suggest students test better in the afternoon
- Technology plans for District, Bond issue updates, plans for school site improvements not covered by Bond
- More Common Core information (in depth) and how it is going to be implemented
- Nutrition, Curriculum, teacher training, teacher accountability and explanation of formal procedures if someone has a complaint
- Although I think it is great to get information from the District, there is no formal opportunity or forum for us as parents to give feedback from school and share our concerns and ways to improve the schools. Maybe a roundtable of some sort?
- Continued information regarding the Common Core Standards and testing
- How to increase parent involvement in school and the educational process
- Earlier start for school so that first semester would end prior to Winter break
- What's being done to increase drug awareness and reduce drug abuse
- Continue on the same path, keep parents aware of changes

Any other input:

- Love all the information now on the web site! It is so helpful to disseminate this information to our parents and point them to the online resources
- Villa Park HS PFSO meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 8:30 am, so meeting any earlier would not work – 10: 30 am is fine to have the DAC meeting.
- Best meeting days – weekdays during school hours, except for 2nd Wednesday of the month when Cerro Villa PFSO meets at 8:30 am
- Meeting Dates - best in morning any week day, except Monday Prefer Thursday or Friday
- No preference on date/time
- Best time for meeting is the current time at mid-day, 10:30 – 12:00. After 1:00 pm causes problems for getting to schools for pick up
- I use PTSA meetings to disseminate information that I learn from DAC and OCC meetings. I think it is important to distribute this information to a broader audience. Would it be possible to get some sort of newsletter like update afterwards so people could have the option of including it in their school newsletter without having to write it themselves? It would be more accurate and straight from the District
- I think the meeting would be more interesting if it was held in the evenings so more PTA Presidents, foundation officers, and site council members could attend. I also think they should all be invited, rather than one from each school. The more people who know what is going on and have a voice, the more agreement there will be at all levels.
- Meeting Dates: week day mornings are best
- This is my first year on DAC and enjoyed the experience and the knowledge