

ACSA MIDDLE GRADE EDUCATION COUNCIL MEETING(S)

SUBMITTED TO REGION 3

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Nov. 2, 2023

This meeting was held in person the day before the ACSA Conference in San Diego, CA.

The main take away was that delegates appreciate the time we have to network with each other and gain best practices that others are utilizing via conversations and discussion topics that are pertinent to those in the lines of fire daily with their positions.

President, Edgar Zazuetta was present to welcome the members of the council and to show his appreciation for the work being done. He shared his vision for ACSA with the team. He then introduced the NASSP members present and iterated the importance of the connection between the two organizations as we, together, work for what's best for educational leadership.

NASSP representatives Kip Motta and Ronn Nozoe were present to discuss the connection between ACSA and NASSP and the benefits for members to belong to the national organization.

NASSP Board Director, Derrick Lawson, shared NASSP updates:

- 10% of the US House of Representatives is from California.
- • 3 national bills passed last year were written and sponsored by CA reps.
- • CA has significant opportunity for impact and advocacy.
- • Emails received by federal legislators from school administrators demonstrate traction on specific issues.
- • Value of the affiliation – more than just advocacy and membership benefits. Kip Motta and Ronn Nozoe both talked about the importance of our work with children/families so that no one else writes our story for us.

NASSP Collaboration with ACSA

- • National level can get behind ACSA and support its work at a national level.
- • Access to other states, networks, to assist and provide perspective at the national level.

Movement of educators – synergy across the country. Same goals, same stories, same struggles. Include Principals in the design vs. after the fact.

ACSA MIDDLE GRADES EDUCATION COUNCIL 3

IGNITE! Summer Conference, personal PD, etc, available through NASSP.

New ACSA principal network online:

Sharing with other principals. Networking/book study and topics. Facilitating help being requested. Also serves as a way to build the principal pipeline.

Topics generated from the survey given to members. Topics/tally. Decide December through April topic. 4-5 PM. People are hungry for interaction. Small breakouts with facilitation and share out. Input is inclusive of site leaders.

Go to ACSA Online Learning Center to register for upcoming sessions:

<https://onlinelearning.acsa.org/courses/k-12-site-administrators-leadership-network>.

Call out for new President for MGE Council. Mike Tsuboi is filling in until a new president is voted in.

ACSA Board Meeting Updates:

- a. ACSA offices are being combined. Burlingame office is being closed. Sacramento will remain open.
- b. COO Position and CFO Position are being combined into one position. Interviews being conducted, no selection to date. CFO will report to executive director.
- c. Margarita Cuizon-Armelino has been elevated to Deputy Director.
- d. Christy Tinsley has been elevated.
- e. State ACSA has been working to join advocacy with other organizations to create a larger voice and presence at the table and a greater impact for students.
- f. ACSA Board is looking at ways to move more money in the form of rebates to regions if fiscally feasible.
- g. ACSA endorsements for candidates by region are available on the ACSA website to support information for upcoming elections.
 - a. Middle School Foundation Academy Grant: First CTE grant that specifically targets middle schools. Cohorts of 10 for the last 4 years. 10 planning grants for 25K, Year 2 implementation 50k. This year will be a new round called 6B. 10 more grants will be available in the Spring.
 - b. Learning Communities for Schools Success Programs: create systems for student engagement in areas that have a high crime rate. Help with absenteeism, drop out and school engagement.
 - c. Grant information is sent by email: send a blank email to join-funding@mlist.cde.ca.gov to be notified by email when grant is available.
 - d. Community Schools Grants.
 - e. Educator's together site: <https://www.caeducatorstogether.org/>

Issues discussed in forum:

Onboarding: How do schools do onboarding?

Staff Morale Post Covid?

Addressing the Fentanyl Scare?

Strategies to increase Region impact?

Upcoming: ACSA Master Schedule Training

- **In-Person: \$449 (register in ACSA OLC) • (Tu) January 31 – Irvine USD**
- **• (F) February 10 – Santa Clara COE**
- **• (W) March 1 – San Diego COE**

- • (Tu) March 7 – ACSA Sacramento
- • Virtual: TBD March 2023 (register in ACSA OLC)

MGE Council Virtual Meeting: January 17, 2023

Proposed dates for 2023-24 Council meetings approved.

Orientation Mtg: September 19, 2022 (Virtual)

- Business Mtg #1: November 1, 2022 (In-Person, Sacramento)
- Business Mtg #2: January 16, 2023 (Virtual)
- Business Mtg #3: March 5, 2023 (In-Person, Sacramento)

Council President election: Christine Moore (Region 16) voted in as new MGE Council President

ACSA Board Updates:

- Dr. Zazueta has put together a new system for performance evaluation. Ties to overall ACSA goals. Launched in October. Promotes ACSA’s strategic plan.
 - Conferences:
 - Every Child Counts Symposium was held in Palm Springs last week (January 11 – 13) with 1800 attendees.
 - Negotiators Symposium is this week, January 18 – 20, in San Diego. Goal of 300 attendees was achieved.
 - Superintendents Symposium will be January 25 – 27 in Monterey. Goal of 600 attendees will likely be met – 580 are currently signed up.
 - Clear Credential program is accepting applications for new cohort through January 31st.
 - For legislative updates, see link later in agenda
 - Governor’s budget looks promising for schools.
 - Supermajority by democrats in California’s Legislature. Some legislator changes, but not expected to greatly affect policy direction.
- **CA Dept. of Education (CDE)..... Teri Alves**
 - Resource:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Stpi9AawvzgPwD06LNLh95sHWfPwMN9SMgwn49im4l8/edit>.
 - John Merris-Coots:
 - Free career exploration planning and tools - California Career Zone includes student- and family-facing resources.
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ACSA **NASSP** Affiliation

- Provided background and context for member-driven ACSA governance, and for ACSA's national affiliation with NASSP.

- Terri Daniels (R3) is new ACSA NASSP Liaison.

National Advocacy Conference March 27-29, 2023 Washington DC

- o Increase funding Title II-A for PD.

- o Increase funding for Title IV-A School health services, mental and behavioral health (led by California).

- o Pass the Loan Forgiveness for Educators Act.

Ignite '23 NASSP School Leader Conference, July 12-15, Denver, CO.

- 2022 Year in Review.

- National Assistant Principal Week, April 3-7.

- Use of social media to elevate principal voices.

New ACSA K-12 Site Administrator Leadership Network

- Topic are based on developing a network to discuss what you need right now.

- 3 sessions have been held to date:

- o October: SEL for site leaders

- o November: Relational Capacity

- o December: Time Management

- Future months and topics:

- o January (tomorrow, 18th): Dealing with Difficult People

- o February: School Security and Safety

- o March/April TBD

- o May: Closing the School Year with Grace, Opening the New School Year with Inspiration and Hope

- Points of Pride:

- o 82 people responded to survey

- o 144 people registered for series

- o 28, +14, and +9 attendance for full session for Oct/Nov/Dec.

- Points to Ponder

- o Time of day

- o Marketing

- o Format feedback

2 ACSA Council Members Presented to the group:

- Erick Rouanzoin, Principal (Region 11)

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- Terri Daniels, Ed. D. Principal (Region 3)
MEANINGFUL PARENT INVOLVEMENT

NEXT MGE COUNCIL MEETING: (in person) March 14, 2023

