

WCCUSD Community Budget Advisory Committee

Alvarado Campus

March 24, 2016

Minutes

1. Welcome

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairperson Alleyne. She welcomed Superintendent Harter and Board Member Cuevas and introductions were made.

2. Roll Call

Committee Members Present: Fatima Alleyne [Chair], Elizabeth Bundschu-Mooney, Antonio Medrano, Tom Panas, Peter Aloo (Alternate), Sonia Bustamante [Vice-Chair]

Committee Members Arriving After Roll Call: Peter Chau (Alternate), Jose De Leon

Committee Members Absent: Otheree Christian

Staff Members Present: Denise Cifelli, Daniela Parasidis, Superintendent Harter

3. Review and Approve Agenda

Motion was made by Mr. Panas to approve the agenda; second by Ms. Bustamante. Dr. Alleyne, Ms. Bundschu-Mooney, Ms. Bustamante, Mr. Medrano and Mr. Panas voted yes. Motion was approved unanimously.

4. Review and Approve Minutes of the October 22, 2015 and December 3, 2015 Meetings

Mr. Panas noted a typo on the 10/22 minutes; Item 8.c. to correct "an" to "on" and correction of the next meeting date to reflect December 3, 2016. Members discussed the format, intent of minutes and what they capture. Chairperson Alleyne, Ms. Bundschu-Mooney and Ms. Cifelli discussed items added to the 10/22/15 minutes by the Chair and why they were depicted as they were and would remain as presented. Mr. Medrano requested his name be removed from his comments going forward. Discussion continued with members who provided feedback on the removal of individual names.

Motion was made by Mr. Medrano to approve the minutes as corrected, to include member's comments during discussions but not include their names in the minutes, and requested a roll call vote; second by Mr. Panas. Dr. Alleyne, Ms. Bundschu-Mooney, Ms. Bustamante, Mr. Medrano and Mr. Panas voted yes. Motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Medrano noted a correction to the next meeting date on the 12/3 minutes which will be corrected. The Chair requested her additions to the 12/3/15 minutes for Items 3, 7 & 8 be included. There was discussion about intent and what is captured in the minutes. Staff did not agree with the verbiage changes requested by the Chair for Item 8 as representative of what occurred and discussion continued. The Chair asked the note taker to relook at the notes she provided and add what she was comfortable adding in her own words to which the note taker agreed.

Mr. De Leon arrived during discussion.

Motion was made by Mr. Medrano to approve the minutes as corrected; second by Mr. Panas. Dr. Alleyne, Mr. De Leon, Ms. Bundschu-Mooney, Ms. Bustamante, Mr. Medrano and Mr. Panas voted yes. Motion was approved unanimously.

5. Procedures Discussion

Chairperson Alleyne advised the committee that the information included in this item was informational and requested members take the time to review and understand and refer any questions they may have to either the Chair or Vice Chair. The Chair then distributed a Policy and Procedures document she prepared noting this was the guide she would be using for preparing and facilitating meetings. Ms. Bundschu-Mooney asked the Chair if Rosenberg's Rules would be implemented as other meeting groups have adopted them. The Chair stated she consult with the Vice-Chair and provide information on procedural changes to the committee.

Mr. Chau arrived during discussion. Chairperson Alleyne welcomed both Mr. De Leon and Mr. Chau.

6. Budget Roadshow

Chairperson Alleyne recapped the last meetings discussion on the budget road show. She referenced the Budget Development Calendar business services provided to the Board in January stating she would like to be out in the community prior to the budget and LCAP public hearing May 6. There was discussion amongst the committee relating to content, changes based on the Governor's budget revisions in May, and budget deadlines. Venues to hold the meeting were also discussed. Staff members suggested meetings already being held such as Town Halls, Parent University and Best Practices workshop as most have been publicized. The Chair proposed keeping the discussion to the parcel tax and asked if members preferred weekends or weeknights. Following further discussion, the committee decided they preferred an overall budget discussion rather than parcel tax. Superintendent Harter suggested they consider requesting agenda time at the Parents as Partners and Leaders Conference on April 16 and provided contact information. Ms. Parasidis advised that Business Services would not be available that week due to a scheduled conference and was concerned about timelines for providing information. The Chair advised the committee would be responsible for the presentation. Mr. Panas expressed concern the committee may not have the expertise to discuss information without business services attending. Discussion continued with concerns voiced around preparation time and the consideration of forming a subcommittee. Mr. Medrano asked if a board member might be interested in participating. Ms. Cuevas agreed to identify a board member to work with the committee. Vice Chair Bustamante agreed to contact Marin Trujillo to ensure they were able to secure a spot on the agenda. She advised she would share all the particulars with the committee. There was no further discussion or selection of a subcommittee.

Chairperson Alleyne stated she wanted to provide dates to the Board for a Road Show to which Superintendent Harter advised she did not need.

7. K-3 Class Size Reduction

Ms. Parasidis explained the information provided stating the district is meeting the 24:1 for K-3 ahead of the State's requirement and meeting a 33:1 Ratio for grades 4-6. Chairperson Alleyne inquired funding for K-3 teachers which Ms. Parasidis explained, noting that funds come from multiple sources. They discussed the need for additional teachers, possibly increasing combination classes and other strategies to ensure a 24:1 ratio. Both Chair and Vice Chair requested a breakdown of parcel tax and LCFF dollars for each teacher. Ms. Parasidis explained how monies are allocated and a breakdown to that level was not possible.

Public Comment

Nicole Williams

8. CBAC Membership Roster

Chairperson Alleyne stated she will present the full roster to the Board. Ms. Bundschu-Mooney questioned why the board member's name was crossed out. Superintendent Harter explained that the Governance Subcommittee is currently reviewing the Charter and decided to hold off until that was resolved. Dr. Alleyne asked the Superintendent why three staff members listed when Charter states two. Superintendent Harter stated he will clarify with Ms. Gamba.

9. CBAC Calendar

Chairperson Alleyne requested the addition of meetings in May, July and August. Staff members explained they are not available in August as school is out of session; the Chair requested to add anyway. Mr. Medrano suggested to keep the 4th Thursday of the month, May 26, for the May meeting. Ms. Parasidis advised that staff and board members would not be available. The Chair suggested May 19th and the committee agreed.

Motion was made by Mr. Medrano to add the May 19th meeting and additional meetings in July and August; second by Mr. Panas. Dr. Alleyne, Mr. De Leon, Mr. Medrano, Ms. Bustamante and Mr. Panas voted yes. Ms. Bundschu-Mooney voted no. Motion carried 5-1-0-0.

10. Meeting with Leadership Associates

Chairperson Alleyne advised that the CBAC was not scheduled to meet with Leadership Associates to provide input on the Superintendent's search. She stated she contacted them and they proposed either 4/12 or 4/21 as meeting dates.

Motion was made by Mr. Medrano to schedule 4/12 at 6:30 pm as the meeting date and time with Leadership Associates; second by Mr. Panas.

Chairperson Alleyne advised she will let everyone know the date and time and will request Ms. Cifelli to disseminate the information. No formal vote was taken on this item.

11. District Budget

Ms. Parasidis explained the importance of the Executive Summaries located in both the interim reports and explained how they were set up. She also summarized the study session materials provided to the Board. She explained goal funding and the charts used to illustrate funding. Ms. Bustamante and Mr. Panas both commented on their effectiveness. Mr. Medrano suggested they be used in the Budget Road Show.

Ms. Parasidis went on to explain possible cuts and the affects of base fund erosion. Ms. Cuevas commented on the need for the board to make value judgements based on the information and the importance of understanding how the budget works. There was also discussion on the affect of PERS/STRS. Ms. Bustamante suggested the charts and some of the information discussed be put into a Power Point for the Road Show.

Discussion continued relating to the further breakdown of teaching personnel to the site level which Superintendent Harter, Ms. Parasidis explained could not be done and why.

11.d. Public Comment

Nicole Williams

11.e.

No comments or discussion.

11.f.

Vice Chair Bustamante provided an update from the DLCAP training meeting she attended stating the common thread amongst the group was to do more outreach to fill vacant positions and the importance of documenting and sharing outcomes. There was discussion on the make-up of the committee, how parents and community members were recruited and the need to see how ethnicities were being supported. Ms. Bustamante reminded the committee that all the data being asked about was on the website.

Mr. Panas motioned to extend the meeting another 10 minutes as it was nearing 8:30 pm.

Mr. Chau made a point of order to return to the focus of the budget.

12. Parcel Tax

12.a

Superintendent Harter advised a complete copy of the audit report was included in their packets and the auditor found that all funds were spent as intended.

12.b

Superintendent Harter summarized the survey results noting that as of January 60% of voters are in support of a flat rate increase and hoped to see if that number raises in June. Ms. Cuevas noted that the board had not yet voted on the parcel tax so there is no official decision at this time.

12.c.

Chairperson Alleyne provided selected materials relating to the Charter School lawsuit. Superintendent Harter summarized the agreement and settlement and provided an explanation of how the process would work relating to student verification and portion of dollars.

12.d.

No discussion.

13. Public Comment

None

13. Good of the Order

Mr. Panas thanked Superintendent Harter and Ms. Cuevas for attending and participating in the meeting.

Chairperson Alleyne read a statement from Mr. Steinberg about the parcel tax as he could not attend the meeting.

14. Adjourn

Chairperson Alleyne adjourned the meeting at 8:52 p.m.

***The next regularly scheduled meeting will be April 21, 2016
and will begin at 6:30 p.m. at Alvarado Adult School.***