

West Contra Costa Unified School District District Budget Engagement Committee

Minutes

September 24, 2019

Alvarado Adult School
Room 1
5625 Sutter Street, Richmond
5:30 – 7:00PM

1. Welcome and Introductions

Dr. Wold called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM. Dr. Wold introduced and provided a brief background on himself. Members introduced themselves and stated which group/organization they represented. Those in attendance were:

Mike Cunningham	PTA member recommended by the Bayside PTA
Juanita Towns	PTO member recommended by school site PTO's, Parent University, School Site Councils (SSC) or English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC) – <i>waiting Board approval</i>
Anton Jungherr	Philanthropic Funders of WCCUSD
Guadalupe Enllana	District Local Control Accountability Plan Committee (DLCAP) – <i>waiting Board approval</i>
Demetrio Gonzalez	Labor-Management Solutions Team
Stephanie Sequiera	Multilingual Distract Advisory Committee (MDAC)
Maisha Cole	School Site Council - Elementary
Jennifer Peck	School site Council - High
Valerie Cuevas	Board Trustee/Liaison
Tony Wold	Associate Superintendent Business Services
Regina Webber	Executive Director Business Services
Denise Cifelli	Sr. Administrative Assistant Business Services

2. Budget Presentation and Discussion

Dr. Wold presented “The Story – Part 1” to the group and requested their ideas, feedback on information presented and to discuss next steps. Trustee Cuevas provided her vision of the committee wanting members to take the information learned at these meetings back to their respective groups to discuss and bring back feedback and ideas.

Demetrio asked to look at ways to reach the families and include student voices. Dr. Wold advised a member from the Youth Commission would be joining the committee.

Anton asked that an item for public comment be included in agendas and to provide a copy of the Administrative Regulations (AR) to the committee.

Stephanie and Demetrio asked about electing a chair before continuing discussion. Tony provided his reasoning on waiting until more approved members were present. The group discussed and decided to table the item for now.

Tony reiterated slides 34, 41 and 66 of the presentation depicting how budgets were built, role the committee will play and timeline for reductions. There were comments regarding the urgency of the situation, concern over the ability to understand the budget process in a short amount of time, recommend cuts, and the necessity to meet more frequently. Tony explained timeline for making cuts, best practices and noted the County Office of Education was in agreement with the timelines. He admitted the work to be done would be difficult and emotional and that everyone needs to work together to openly discuss solutions.

Stephanie expressed her concerns that the budget information hadn't been presented at the recent MDAC and DLCAP and that cuts would jeopardize education and Title I sites. She also felt families and communities weren't feeling included which leads to them leaving and increased losses to the district.

Data requests were discussed. Juanita asked for a list of all district programs. Tony stated all data requests regardless of what group initiated the request, would be shared. He also stressed the importance of balance between meetings, work and requests.

Mike suggested looking at a strawman trajectory with points in time where action was to be taken using ballpark figures for one-time and ongoing cuts. He asked for more structure around process, and hope to do outside the box thinking as it relates to fundraising and grants.

The group made several requests for information to assist future discussions which staff will work on:

- Staffing formulas
- Education on Position Control
- Training on how to read a budget
- List of previous cuts to see what was implemented and do a critical evaluation
- Definitions/Acronyms

3. Election of Officers

This item was tabled to a future meeting.

4. Discuss Next/Future Meeting Dates

The committee decided one month was too long to go until the next meeting. Anton would like to see meetings coordinated with other committees such as the Budget/Audit Committee. The committee decided on Monday, October 7th and moved the start time to 6:30 PM.

5. Good of the Order/Future Agenda Items

Stephanie would like to build future meeting dates and elect a chair.

6. Adjournment

Tony adjourned the meeting at 7:50 PM.

Next meeting date: October 7, 2019

Location: Alvarado Adult School