

West Contra Costa Unified School District

Minutes of the District Local Control Accountability Parent Committee

**John F. Kennedy High School
4300 Cutting Blvd.
Richmond, CA 94804**

January 26, 2017

Committee Members Present:

Xavier Abrams, Heather Best, Kimberly Chamberlain, Petronila Fernandes, Gabriela Gomez, Gabriela Gomez, Katie Harless, Tiffany Harris, David Olsen, Monica Pacini, Isaac Resendiz, Maria Resendiz, Greg Santiago, LaShante Smith, Juanita Towns, Teresa Vasquez Gutierrez

Staff Present:

Andrea Arnold, Principal Accountant; Gerardo Browne, Translator; Elizabeth Carmody, Director Community Engagement; Denise Cifelli, Confidential Secretary; Matthew Duffy, Superintendent; Sheri Gamba, Associate Superintendent Business Services; April Hawkins, Administrator; Nicole Joyner, Director Data and Accountability; Umberto Lopez, Technology; Vince Morales, Director Business Services; Nia Rashidchi, Interim Associate Superintendent Educational Services; Dianna Saeliow, Research & Testing Assistant; Ken Whittemore, Assistant Superintendent Human

I. Welcome, Introductions & Timeline

Vice-Chair Maria Resendiz opened the meeting at 6:35 p.m. and welcomed everyone. Members introduced themselves and stated which organization/school group they represented. Kim Chamberlain walked the committee through the LCAP Spring Timeline.

II. Staff Presentation on Stakeholder Feedback

Nicole Joyner presented background and information on the LCAP Feedback Summary that provided feedback from the stakeholder survey. She went through the dashboard and its components highlighting successes and challenges with the group. The same information was provided on the recent Townhall Meetings.

Ms. Joyner opened the floor to questions. A question arose as to the committee composition and vacancies. Ms. Chamberlain stated they would discuss further during public comment at the end of the meeting.

III. Presentation by Superintendent Duffy

Superintendent Duffy presented his thoughts and observations from the first six months of the school year highlighting what he termed as “The Good, “The Not Good” and “The Really Not So Good”. He provided his thoughts on how he sees the district hit the LCAP goals that have been set.

There were questions asked about the reasons behind the lack of administrators and lack of commitment to ELD. Superintendent Duffy provided his thoughts.

Superintendent Duffy continued his presentation sighting his top three investments needed for the 2017-18 school year: Secondary Teachers, Counselors and Assistant Principals.

The floor was opened to questions. Ms. Resendiz expressed concern around the lack of teachers and teacher retention. Other members voiced concerns over teacher salaries and where money would come from if raises were given. The use of a roving substitute was brought up. Superintendent Duffy explained that sites have some discretionary money, which could be used to hire a position if that was one of their highest priorities. He also explained additional avenues the district was exploring to ensure a larger pool of substitutes are.

IV. Stakeholder Feedback Discussions in Small Groups

The committee was split into small groups to discuss the priorities most important to them based on the information Superintendent Duffy provided in his presentation.

Ms. Chamberlain went to each group asking them to report out on their top three priorities.

V. Staff Presentation on New LCAP Template

Chairperson Abrams stated that based on time the staff presentation would be tabled to the next meeting.

VI. Executive Committee Member Elections

Ms. Abrams mentioned that the meeting turnout was light and asked the group if they preferred to vote on elections tonight with the small group size or hold off until the next meeting in March. The group voted unanimously by a show of hands to table the election to the next meeting. There were no noes and no abstentions.

VII. Public Comment

Ms. Chamberlain stated she spoke to an audience member from the RYSE Center who was interested in filling their vacancy.

Ms. Fernandez questioned vacancies and asked if parents could fill. Ms. Chamberlain and Ms. Abrams went over the composition of the committee and advised there were few vacancies, members were just unable to attend tonight's meeting. They asked everyone to check the roster and if they knew people who could fill a vacant slot to encourage them to fill out the application. Ms. Chamberlain also agreed to email the roster to the members.

A member stated her approval of the substitute pay raise. She expressed concern that charter schools were paying more than the district.

Another member felt there were many parents in the community qualified to assist in classrooms but may not have the education needed. She questioned how these parents might be brought in as employees or volunteers. She also requested that job openings be posted locally or at school sites to raise awareness.

Adjournment

Ms. Abrams adjourned the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

Next DLCAP Meeting is scheduled for March 21, 2017

