

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

March 21, 2017

Committee Members Present:

Xavier Abrams, Suzanne Balmaceda, Kimberly Chamberlain, Petronila Fernandes, Leslie Reckler, Isaac Resendiz, Maria Resendiz, Greg Santiago, Stephanie Sequiera, LaShante Smith, Danielle Storer, Teresa Vasquez Gutierrez

Staff Present:

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

I. Welcome & Introductions

Member-At-Large Kim Chamberlain opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. and welcomed everyone. She went through the agenda and assigned timeframes to each item. Vice-Chair Resendiz introduced herself and asked members, staff and guests to introduce themselves and state which organization/school they represented.

II. 2017-18 LCAP & Budgeting Update

Sheri Gamba presented information on the budget process. She covered where the budget is today, stakeholder priorities, funding formula, changes since the original budget adoption, and impacts to the budget, i.e. enrollment and unduplicated counts. She went into detail covering the difference between enrollment and attendance and impacts on the budget.

Superintendent Duffy covered programs and work the district is involved in. He went over emerging priorities for staff, main priorities at sites, and internal reorganization. He then opened the floor to questions.

The committee and public questioned the sources of the feedback which Superintendent Duffy stated came from parents, students, and community through site visits, town hall meetings and community meetings. There were comments made that the information was great to hear but those attending wanted more detail on how student progress was to be monitored to which Superintendent Duffy agreed that the district needs to do better at providing consistent data.

Superintendent Duffy provided information on class size reduction and additional counselors and assistant principals. He stated Town Hall feedback was available on the website. Lack of special education aides and teachers was also discussed.

Ms. Gamba provided budget estimates for programs and increase in site allocations to funds and manage programs.

III. Small Group Activity: What resonates with you the most? What are your top 5 priorities?

Chairperson Abrams split the committee into small groups to discuss the top five stakeholder priorities Superintendent Duffy captured from town hall meetings, parent meetings, DLCAP members, teacher leaders and others. Superintendent Duffy invited those in the audience to participate as well.

At the end of discussion Chairperson Abrams asked each group to report out on their discussions.

IV. New LCAP Template Review & Rubrics

Chairperson Abrams introduced April Hawkins who presented the new LCAP template, introduced the major changes and went through the dashboard. Due to time constraints, Ms. Hawkins will provide more detail on the template at the next meeting.

Members and audience discussed how best to communicate and train parents to ensure an understanding of how to read and navigate the dashboard.

Ms. Rashidchi provided a high-level explanation of LCAP carryover for sites and centralized dollars

V. Member Elections

Chairperson Abrams took count of members present and queried them as to whether or not they should hold elections. Members discussed pros and cons with consensus opting to hold until the next meeting. Ways to encourage attendance were discussed which led to discussion of the structure of the committee and whether or not it should be redone. Members felt the composition didn't reflect those normally in attendance.

Superintendent Duffy stated it might be an opportunity to revisit the structure and purpose of the committee by enlisting community input and doing additional outreach in order to present key learnings and submit a plan to move forward. There was further group discussion on ways to outreach and process for recruitment.

Public Comment

A representative from Public Advocates distributed a handout they put together on the district's LCAP goals and results.

Petronila Fernandes commented on her support of the children.

Adjournment

Chairperson Abrams adjourned the meeting at 8:26 p.m.