

MINUTES
CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
SCHOOL BOARD STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER, ROOM 242
5100 WEST SAHARA AVENUE, LAS VEGAS, NV 89146

Tuesday, October 3, 2017

3:21 p.m.

Roll Call: Members Present

Shanya Espy, Legacy High School, Chair
Cameron Barnes, Arbor View High School
Leonardo Blanco, East Career and Technical Academy
Alejandra Castellanos, Las Vegas Academy
Jillian Gelabert, Chaparral High School
Israel Gonzalez-Cervantes, Desert Rose High School
Devon Neary, Bonanza High School
Elia Neeley, West Career and Technical Academy
Olivia O'Keefe, College of Southern Nevada, West
Matt Shaps, Durango High School
Rosalia Sedano, Southwest Career and Technical Academy
Andrew Wang, Clark High School
Madalyn Watt, Northwest Career and Technical Academy
Olivia Akina Yamamoto, Coronado High School

Carolyn Edwards, Clerk, Board Liaison

Members Absent

Tara Rainey, Spring Valley High School , Vice Chair
Maria Ceniceros, Cimarron-Memorial High School
Cassidy Hoeckendork, Liberty High School
Ayanna Johnson, Desert Pines High School
Kody Kildea, Shadow Ridge High School
Lovely Warner-McRoy, Centennial High School

Also present were: Pat Skorkowsky, Superintendent; Cindy Krohn, Executive Assistant, Board Office; and Jeanetta Edmond, Administrative Secretary II, Board Office.

FLAG SALUTE

Shanya Espy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPT AGENDA

Adopt agenda.

Motion: Israel Gonzalez-Cervantes Second: Madalyn Watt Vote: Unanimous

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There was no one wishing to comment.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Trustee Edwards stated from the September 5, 2017 minutes need to be changed to read everywhere it states that the elections were unanimous, should read was elected by a majority of the committee.

Motion: Israel Gonzalez-Cervantes Second: Elia Neeley Vote: Unanimous

UPDATE ON GENDER DIVERSE WORKING GROUP

Update on the gender diverse working group.

Trustee Edwards gave a brief overview of the meetings that have taken place.

Olivia O'Keefe stated that they have had good conversations. She stated that the most important thing that she took from the meeting was the collective decision and that they just wanted to provide a safe and supportive learning environment.

Trustee Edwards advised that the next report will be from multiple meetings that will take place between now and the next School Board Student Advisory Committee (SBSAC) meeting.

GOOGLE IN SCHOOLS

Discussion on how Google is used in schools.

Chairperson Espy stated that all but one student has google in their schools.

Students discussed the pros and cons of Google. They also discussed what other technology they use to implement Google.

The student who does not use google is at CSN and they use Ramee and Remind. They are college campus so they use canvas and the high school classes use google classroom.

Trustee Edwards ask how google works for them.

Students stated that it works well, while others face the challenges due to the lack of equipment, knowledge or connectivity.

Superintendent Skorkowsky stated that the real challenge seems to be the connectivity issues.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) AND HONOR CLASSES

Discussion on how students qualify for enrollment into Advance Placement (AP) and Honor Classes.

The students discuss the different ways standards are placed in an AP or Honors class.

Superintendent Skorkowsky advised the students that Clark, Coronado and Arbor View High Schools are working on AP Academies. These academies are for incoming freshman.

VALEDICTORIAN AND SALUTATORIAN CANDIDATES

Discussion on how valedictorians and salutatorians are identified in the Clark County School District.

Students engaged in how Valedictorian and Salutatorian are chosen and how the process has changed.

Superintendent Skorkowsky talked about how the process has changed for incoming freshmen. He stated that they will no longer have a GPA cap which was enacted by the state.

Trustee Edwards advised the students of some of the advantages of taking AP and Honor courses.

HIGH SCHOOL CONCERNS

Discussion on issues students face while attending high school.

Students discussed different adversities within their schools such as: library access during the day, textbook shortages, different platforms within the classrooms, campus safety, and classroom overcrowding.

Superintendent Skorkowsky and the students also talked about how schools dealt with the tragedy on October 1, 2017.

WEEK OF RESPECT ACTIVITIES

Discussion on various activities held at Clark County School District High Schools during the Week of Respect, October 2-6, 2017.

Trustee Edwards advised that Week of Respect kick off was canceled due to the tragic event that took place on October 1, 2017.

The students discussed different activities taking place at their schools during the Week of Respect.

SCHOOL BOARD LIAISON – FEEDBACK AND TOPICS

Discussions regarding feedback and topics at future School Board Student Advisory Committee meetings.

Trustee Edwards stated that she was very proud of our first responder and the people at the scene were incredible.

Trustee Edwards mentioned that the Superintendent Skorkowsky wanted to talk about the grading policy in January.

Trustee Edwards explained the budget cut as far as furlough days and the amount of the deficit. She also briefed the students on how the state funds education.

AGENDA PLANNING AND FUTURE MEETINGS

Trustee Edwards ask to have a future item regarding sex education.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There was no one wishing to comment.

Trustee Edwards, Clerk, Board Liaison, administered the pledge to new members Leonardo Blanco and Jillian Gelabert.

ADJOURN

Motion: Israel Gonzalez-Cervantes Second: Elia Neeley Vote: Unanimous