

CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
INSTRUCTIONAL DESIGN AND PROFESSIONAL LEARNING CENTER
3950 S. PECOS-MCLEOD ROAD, LAS VEGAS, NV 89121

MINUTES

Tuesday, February 3, 2015

3:15 p.m.

Student Attendance Status (present unless indicated otherwise)

Arbor View HS	Rebecca Franssen	Las Vegas Acad.....	Kelvin Casiguran
A-Tech.....	Jacy Jordahl (absent w/notice)	Legacy HS	Brayden Walters
Basic HS.....	Jeanne Bowers (absent w/sub)	Northwest CTA.....	Aviva Lessnick
Bonanza HS	Jason Littleford	Palo Verde HS	Kaylyn Taylor
Canyon Springs HS	Vanessa Flores	SECTA.....	Cilla Jose
Cheyenne HS.....	(absent w/o notice)	Sierra Vista HS	Savannah Englehart
Cimarron-Memorial HS ...	Chloe Davis	Silverado HS.....	Vinny Butera (absent w/o notice)
Clark HS	Samantha Lai	Spring Valley HS.....	Aleta Dignard-Fung
Coronado HS.....	Keely Eshenbaugh	SW CTA.....	Andres Caja, Jr. (absent w/notice)
Del Sol HS	Alexandria Hoyer	Valley HS.....	Hadley Mitchell
Durango HS.....	Ashley Krape	West CTA	Jonah Miller
East CTA	Tyler Baker	Western HS	Angelica Munguia (absent w/o notice)
Foothill HS	Victoria Crowder		

Guests/Visitors

Patrice Tew, Clerk, School Board of Trustees, District E
Kevin Child, School Board of Trustees, District D
Pat Skorkowsky, Superintendent
Mike Barton, Chief Student Achievement Officer
Andrea Klaffer-Rakita, Assistant Chief, PZ 4
Immer Ravalo, CCSD Admin.
Jennifer Lopez, CCSD Admin.
Dave Sheehan, Public Information Specialist, Communications Office
Victoria Flores, student
Sandy Ginger, Director, Student Activities
Jody Plante, Student Activities Administrative Secretary (Transcriber/Recorder)

Keely Eshenbaugh called the meeting to order at 3:20 pm.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Adopt Agenda

Motion: Chloe Davis, Cimarron-Memorial HS

Second: Tyler Baker, East CTA

Vote: Unanimous

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the December 2, 2014, meeting were approved.

Motion: Chloe Davis, Cimarron-Memorial HS

Second: Jason Littleford, Bonanza HS

Vote: Unanimous

TEACHER EVALUATIONS

Andrea Klafter-Rakita shared the details of a Powerpoint Presentation about the Nevada Educator Performance Framework, which is the new teacher evaluation system to take effect next school year. She discussed the standards that teachers and administrators will learn to support the more rigorous Nevada curriculum content which will enable every student the opportunity to be life ready, college & career ready and citizenship ready.

Mrs. Klafter-Rakita indicated that the Performance Framework will use each student's individual growth (where he/she started and then finished) as part of the teacher evaluation. She said if teachers are not having success in the classroom, the principal should determine why and help those teachers find out what would help to allow his/her students succeed.

Common Core was discussed a bit and Mrs. Klafter-Rakita explained that Common Core is intended to tell what teachers should teach and not how to teach it, as strategies can vary.

The new teacher evaluation was started this school year. Mrs. Klafter-Rakita shared the number of evaluations required for probationary teachers (3) as well as post-probationary teachers (1). Administrators will look at lesson plans, grades, parent contact, and said student opinions should also factor in to the evaluation. Administrators should plan for announced observations as well as "pop in" visits in determining the teacher's evaluation.

Students wondered why some of their classes were not observed. Mrs. Klafter-Rakita explained that the observations may be held in a different class period than his/hers.

HOMEWORK

When asked, all committee members raised a hand that he/she had homework over winter break.

A committee member recommended that first semester end prior to winter break to alleviate homework and studying for exams during the break. Supt. Skorkowsky said that is a topic being discussed as a possibility in the future. A discussion ensued regarding details of how that would work, including starting the school year earlier and ending sometime in May. Trustee Tew asked the committee members to email his/her opinion to their Trustee.

SCHOOL BOARD STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mrs. Ginger explained the pros and cons of keeping the Advisory Committee under the School Board. Superintendent Skorkowsky stated that everything about the meeting will stay the same except there would be no open meeting law. After a discussion by the committee members, Jason Littleford (Bonanza HS) made a motion not to keep the committee under the School Board. Brayden Walters (Legacy HS) made a second. The vote was 10 (not to keep) to 9 (to keep).

STUDENT REPORTS

Committee members each reported some items he/she found interesting from one of two board meetings they observed in the month of January. Many members included in their report the fact that many community businesses are investing in the school district, which was spearheaded by the Superintendent.

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER – FEEDBACK/TOPICS

Trustee Tew introduced Trustee Child.

Trustee Tew discussed Magnet/Select schools and transportation for students to those schools. She indicated that a second presentation was made due to public comment/reaction which changed the outcome. She brought this to the committee's attention to show that speaking up does make a difference.

REVIEW STUDENT CONCERNS

- None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Students were asked to email their trustee with his/her opinion about changing the school calendar and eliminating/keeping the Advisory Committee as a School Board Committee under open meeting law.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

ADJOURN

Motion: Chloe Davis, Cimarron-Memorial HS

Second: Tyler Baker, East CTA

Vote: Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.