

CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
CURRICULUM & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER
3950 S. PECOS-MCLEOD ROAD, LAS VEGAS, NV 89121

MINUTES

Tuesday, April 1, 2014

3:15 p.m.

Student Attendance Status

(present unless indicated otherwise)

Arbor View HS	Elen Safarian (absent w/o notice)	East CTA	Denise Cobian Villafana
A-Tech	Jacy Jordahl	Las Vegas Acad.....	Kendra Patterson
Basic HS	Morgan Meyer	Legacy HS	John Dillard
Bonanza HS	Sydney Thompson	Palo Verde HS	Kaylyn Taylor (absent w/o notice)
Canyon Springs HS	Leslie Vazquez	SECTA.....	Cilla Jose
Centennial HS	Dylan Sacenti	Silverado HS	Edna Martinez
Cheyenne HS.....	Orestes Marquetti (absent w/o notice)	Spring Valley HS.....	Samantha Wolk
Cimarron-Memorial HS ...	Chloe Davis	SW CTA.....	Purna Patel
Clark HS	Samantha Lai (absent w/notice)	Valley HS.....	Cristian Giron (absent w/notice&sub)
Coronado HS.....	Keely Eshenbaugh	Veterans' Tribute CTA ..	Alexandra Wuopio
Del Sol HS	Alexandria Hoyer	West CTA	Abigail Till
Durango HS.....	Isabella Miller	West Prep	Andrey Rios-Perez

Guests/Visitors

Patrice Tew, Clerk, School Board of Trustees, District E
Pat Skorkowsky, Superintendent
Carlos McDade, General Counsel
Joseph Caruso, Deputy Chief of Staff
Tammy Hadlock, teacher, West Prep
Sandy Ginger, Director, Student Activities
Jody Plante, Student Activities Secretary (Transcriber/Recorder)

Samantha Wolk called the meeting to order at 3:50 pm.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Adopt Agenda.

Motion: Chloe Davis, Cimarron-Memorial HS

Second: Denise Cobian Villafana, East CTA

Vote: Unanimous

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

none

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the March 4, 2014, meeting were approved.

Motion: Chloe Davis, Cimarron-Memorial HS

Second: Denise Cobian Villafana, East CTA

Vote: Unanimous

OPEN MEETING LAW

This item was placed on hold until later in the meeting.

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER – FEEDBACK/TOPICS

Trustee Tew shared information highlighting Paralympics, the ORFF Performance by elementary schools and other good things happening in the Clark County School District. A show of hands revealed that the members would like to see the presentation that was shown at the School Board Meeting at the next committee meeting.

Samantha Wolk discussed the procedures that need to be followed in the monthly meetings with regard to Open Meeting Law. Some items included:

- For the recording, members must state their name and school prior to speaking during meetings.
- Always wait to be recognized before speaking.
- Submitting agenda items for each meeting is very important.
 - Samantha shared things she does at her school to get topics from peers.
 - Dylan shared things he does as well.
- Dylan reminded committee members to be more vocal at meetings.

REVIEW STUDENT CONCERNS

1. AP tests are being required at one school and if the student does not take it, fines are being imposed on them. Also, if a counselor feels the student is capable to take an AP class, he/she is forced to take the class even if he/she does not want to.
 - a. Superintendent Skorkowsky asked the student to email the concern and he would look into it.
2. Can cheer coaches mandate a 7th hour class?
3. Can schools prevent students from wearing cords/sashes at graduation?
 - a. Sandy Ginger indicated each school determines what may be worn at their ceremony and that information should be in writing at the school.
4. A student wants to take an honors class next year and the counselor indicated they're all full.
 - a. Students can challenge decisions.
5. AP classes vs. Honors classes
 - a. Superintendent Skorkowsky asked the student to email the concern and to place the item on next month's agenda.
6. GPA cap status was asked about.
 - a. Superintendent Skorkowsky indicated the decision is not final yet.
7. A student indicated concern about a discipline situation and would like this item placed on next month's agenda.

A 12-minute recess was held.

OPEN MEETING LAW TRAINING

Mr. McDade explained how Open Meeting Law applies to this committee.

- Any member of the public can attend, i.e. media, parents, etc.
- Meetings must have:
 - An agenda
 - A period for the public to speak
 - A business portion
 - Minutes and a record of the meeting

If an individual feels the meeting does not comply with Open Meeting Law, a complaint can be made in a few ways, Mr. McDade stated.

- File a complaint with the State Attorney General's office where there is an office that deals with all public bodies. No Charge for this action.
- Can challenge in court

In order for a committee not to follow Open Meeting Law, it would have to become a committee that is not affiliated with the School Board.

Mrs. Ginger asked about agenda items such as "Review Student Concerns" and if students could discuss topics that come up that are not agendized. Mr. McDade stated that it is best to bring the item to the next meeting's agenda because the public wouldn't have known that topic was being discussed.

A discussion regarding subcommittees followed and Mr. McDade said:

- Students can get together outside of a meeting but should not discuss business.
- Students can recommend that subcommittees be formed during a regular meeting.
- If subcommittees meet, they need to follow Open Meeting Law.

Trustee Tew asked the students the following questions:

1. Do they have concerns about their comments being a matter of public record?
 - Some students didn't think that would be a problem. When asked, a few students felt that Open Meeting Law was important for this committee for these reasons:
 - It is appropriate and relevant
 - Feels important
 - Through the media, it shows that others care about student opinions.
2. Do they prefer to choose their own topics or be given topics to discuss?
 - One student responded she would like topics given to the committee.
3. Does Open Meeting Law requirements make them hesitate with responses or discussion?
 - One student responded she wouldn't shy away from an answer even if the media were present.

Superintendent Skorkowsky asked Mr. McDade if there could be an item on each month's agenda for "Question and Answer Period with the Superintendent".

Mr. McDade stated it was possible if there were subjects included.

Mrs. Ginger asked if it would be appropriate for an attorney to be present at these meetings since they are at the Board Meetings to ensure Open Meeting Law be followed. She also asked what the consequences would be if Open Meeting Law was not followed and a complaint was filed.

- Mr. McDade said the consequence for action items would be that the action taken would be void and possible fines could be implemented.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The next meeting will be held on May 6, 2014. District dignitaries will be present.
2. The scholarship winner will be announced.
3. Email Mrs. Ginger with any topics for the May meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

ADJOURN

Motion: Cilla Jose, SE CTA

Second: Chloe Davis, Cimarron-Memorial HS

Vote: Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.