

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, April 7, 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	Legacy HS	Brayden Walters (Absent-SUB)
Basic HS.....	Jeanne Bowers	Northwest CTA.....	Aviva Lessnick
Bonanza HS	Jason Littleford (absent w/notice)	Palo Verde HS	Kaylyn Taylor
Canyon Springs HS	Vanessa Flores	SECTA.....	Cilla Jose
Cheyenne HS.....	Lada Mead	Sierra Vista HS	Savannah Englehart(absent w/o notice)
Cimarron-Memorial HS ...	Chloe Davis	Silverado HS	Edna Martinez
Clark HS	Samantha Lai	Spring Valley HS.....	Aleta Dignard-Fung (Absent-SUB)
Coronado HS.....	Keely Eshenbaugh	SW CTA.....	Andres Caja, Jr.
Del Sol HS	Alexandria Hoyer (absent w/notice)	Valley HS.....	Hadley Mitchell
East CTA	Tyler Baker	West CTA	Jonah Miller
Foothill HS	Victoria Crowder	Western HS	Angelica Munguia (absent w/o notice)

Guests/Visitors

Patrice Tew, Clerk, School Board of Trustees, District E
Pat Skorkowsky, Superintendent
Dave Sheehan, Public Information Specialist, Communications Office
Yu Shum, parent
Sandy Ginger, Director, Student Activities
Jody Plante, Student Activities Administrative Secretary (Transcriber/Recorder)

Keely Eshenbaugh called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Adopt Agenda

Motion: Chloe Davis, Cimarron-Memorial HS
Second: Edna Martinez, Silverado HS
Vote: Unanimous

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the March 3, 2015, meeting were approved.
Motion: Kaylyn Taylor, Palo Verde HS
Second: Tyler Baker, ECTA
Vote: Unanimous

SCHOOL CALENDAR

The committee members discussed the pros and cons of moving the school calendar up 2 weeks earlier in August, after the second quarter finals and ending first semester before winter break.

Some advantages included:

- Students will be refreshed to start the second semester.
- Students can spend time with family members instead of studying for finals.
- No reviewing materials after returning from winter break.
- High school students will be prepared for a college-style schedule.

Some disadvantages included:

- Sport practices could possibly be cut a few days.
 - *Mrs. Ginger stated that the Athletic office has already been discussing the value of 2-a-day practices in August.*
- Year-round schools may be difficult to schedule.
- Higher cost of maintaining air conditioning earlier in August.

A motion was made to recommend starting the school calendar two weeks earlier by Chloe Davis of Cimarron-Memorial HS. A second was made by Kaylyn Taylor of Palo Verde HS. The vote was unanimous to recommend starting the school calendar two weeks earlier.

GRADING POLICY

The presenter for this item could not attend the meeting.

Following a description of the policy from Superintendent Skorkowsky, the committee understood the rationale and concept regarding the minimum “F” policy. Some students felt that it was unfair to give a student a score of 50 even if they had a “0” on a test when there are students who earn a 50 on their own, especially students who abused the policy or “slacked off.” Other students felt that it did help to encourage students to stay in school. Overall, in the end of the discussion, it was agreed that this policy should be studied carefully.

Some recommendations included:

- Allow this policy to apply to assignments but not tests and projects.
- Still assigning a “0” to student who did not do the assignment at all.
- Create a new grading system, either 0 through 4 (including decimals) or A, B, C, D, F or 0 (for those who did not complete the work).

OFFICER REPORTS

Andres Caja reported from the March 12, 2015, board meeting.

Keely Eshenbaugh reported from the March 26, 2015, board meeting.

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER – FEEDBACK/TOPICS

Trustee Tew described the working of the legislative process with respect to school-related items. She discussed a few bills that are pending, including a bill to allow municipalities to separate from the Clark County School District (i.e. Henderson, Las Vegas, and North Las Vegas).

REVIEW STUDENT CONCERNS

- None
- Students were asked to email any concerns.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Students were reminded:

- The next meeting will be May 5, 2015 – professional dress required.
- Applications for next year's committee are pending.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

ADJOURN

Motion: Chloe Davis, Cimarron-Memorial HS

Second: Kaylyn Taylor, Palo Verde HS

Vote: Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 4:59 p.m.