

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, November 6, 2014

3:15 p.m.

Student Attendance Status (present unless indicated otherwise)

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

Guests/Visitors

Patrice Tew, Clerk, School Board of Trustees, District E
Kim Wooden, Deputy Superintendent
Jim McIntosh, CFO, Clark County School District
Caitlyn Caruso, NV Teen Health & Safety Coalition
James Wheble, NV Teen Health & Safety Coalition
L. Laurequi, NV Teen Health & Safety Coalition
Carson Wilson, NV Teen Health & Safety Coalition
Sara Lemma, SEAC
Velina Velikova, Durango HS (sub for Ashley Krape)
Jessica Linebarger, NWCTA (sub for Aviva Lessnick)
Sandy Ginger, Director, Student Activities
Jody Plante, Student Activities Secretary (Transcriber/Recorder)

Keely Eshenbaugh called the meeting to order at 3:15 pm.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Adopt Agenda, except move Item 3.03 to 3.02.

Vote: Unanimous

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

James Wheble and Sara Lemma spoke to the committee about their opinions feelings with respect to Sex Education being taught in the Clark County School District schools.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the October 7, 2014, meeting were approved.

Vote: Unanimous

START TIMES

Students discussed the pros and cons of changing school start times for Clark County schools. Some students were concerned that a later start time for high schools would interfere with extracurricular activities, sports and work schedules. Another concern was about younger siblings getting home before older ones who usually babysit or pick them up after school. Some students were in favor of changing start times because being able to sleep later would help them not feel so tired in the morning.

It was suggested that a pilot program would be beneficial. There was also agreement that all high schools should start at the same time.

OVERCROWDING

Students discussed various ways to help the problem of overcrowding in elementary schools. One of the options CCSD is considering is to house some PreK and Kindergarten classes in commercial buildings that are vacant. Another idea was to move 5th grade students into low-capacity middle schools to alleviate the problem.

Mr. McIntosh explained the differences in budget dollars; i.e. bond funds vs. tax dollars. He stated it takes approximately 8-10 acres of land to build a new elementary school for \$28 million. One of the problems of using commercial buildings is the need for areas for playground and bus drop off/pick up. Mr. McIntosh stated presently elementary schools are 20,000 students over capacity. He explained that other tenants would need to approve a school being located in their shopping center and that CCSD is looking mainly at free-standing buildings primarily. The cost of remodeling a commercial building would take funds away from what is used for fixing older schools, he stated.

When Trustee Tew asked how many students had an elementary class in a portable, all but 3 students raised their hands. Most students did not feel having a class in a portable was a bad thing.

OFFICER REPORTS

Chairwoman Keely Eshenbaugh shared that there were so many people at the meeting she attended that some observers had to leave because there were not seats available. Most were there to comment about sex education in schools. She said most of the comments from the public were from parents of HS/ES students who thought students would be exposed to sex education too early.

Vice Chairman Andres Caja, Jr., shared that he was impressed with the logic vs. passion that the school board displays.

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER – FEEDBACK/TOPICS

There was a discussion about the subject of Sex Education at schools.

REVIEW STUDENT CONCERNS

- Skateboards
 - One student indicated skateboards were not allowed on her school's property and wanted to know if it was district policy.
- Free and Reduced Lunch and why families were not applying.
 - A discussion revealed that some illegal immigrants may feel that their "illegal" status would be found out and they may be deported if they complete the paperwork. However, with the account system that is used at schools, they should not be concerned. Suggestions from Trustee Tew included posters at school or messages on the auto-dial. Other recommendations included posting on Infinite Campus, fliers at local grocery, cleaners, bus stops, church bulletin boards and YMCA.
- Infinite Campus
 - This will be placed on December's agenda.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next meeting is December 2, 2014.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

ADJOURN

Motion: Chloe Davis, Cimarron-Memorial HS

Second: Andres Caja, Jr., SWCTA

Vote: Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.