

Community Advisory Board

Meeting Agenda

Thursday, February 28, 2019

Meeting commenced at 5:33pm.

Members In attendance: Lupita Chavarria, Jocelyn Craig, Melanie Fox, Anthony Hampton, Michael Mason, LaShannon Spencer, Jeff Wood,

Superintendent Michael Poore was also in attendance.

Minutes

- I. Welcome
 - A. Jeff Wood welcomed the community and offered the floor to any elected officials who might be in the audience. There were no elected officials in attendance.
- II. Celebrations
 - A. LRCH Swim Team won first place at the state meet.
 - B. LRCH Wrestling Team won 4th place in the state.
 - C. Mr. Poore recognized JA Fair's wrestling team.
 - D. Parkview's marching band won first place at the Black Expo competition.
 - E. Outstanding Program Award was awarded to LRSD GT Program at the AGATE conference today.
 - F. Mathletes competition last night. Roberts was the top performing elementary school. Jason Crader and Vanessa Cleaver are the staff leaders.
 - G. The students at McDermott predicted Tuesday, February 12 as the coldest day of the year for Poore Man on the Roof. A food drive raised food donations for MOSAIC food pantry. \$3,000 was raised for the VIPS and Bright Futures program.
 - H. Nancy Rousseau was chosen as principal of the year by a national student debate organization.
- III. VIPS Partnership Recognition
 - A. Diamond Cut Martial Arts was recognized as a Partner in Education.
 - B. Body of Christ Worship Center, Central Church of Christ, and First Assembly of God – North Little Rock were honored for their partnership with Western Hills Elementary.
- IV. Review of LRSD State Audits
 - A. Special Services Audit Review and Action
 - i. Cassandra Steele presented and reviewed an outline of the SPED Audit findings. The final official report has not been sent to the District.
 - ii. Mrs. Steele shared details about the department's responses to some of the findings including correcting technical issues, training issues, issues with the Child Find process.

B. Dyslexia Audit

- i. Melanie Fox addressed the Board and the Administration about her concerns about the audit findings and apologized to the community on behalf of the District. Mr. Poore responded to Mrs. Fox's comments. Mr. Wood also expressed disappointment with the report, apologized to the community, and encouraged District Administration to make effective changes this year to correct all of the findings by August 2019.
- ii. Chandle Carpenter talked about changes the department has made in the screening process, the exit process, access to forms, access to training, building in Tier I and Tier II support in reading. Mrs. Carpenter shared an action plan with the Board and the new dyslexia website.
- iii. Mrs. Fox asked Mr. Poore to produce a report and proposal for the Board to recommend the hiring of more interventionists to Mr. Key.
- iv. Mr. Wood and Mr. Hampton expressed concerns and stated support for Mrs. Fox's request. Mr. Poore responded to the board members comments.
- v. The Board asked questions and discussed options for implementing changes that will benefit students this year. Mrs. Carpenter, Mr. Burton, and the Board discussed the challenges with scheduling interventions at the secondary level.
- vi. LaShannon Spencer asked for a special meeting specifically on dyslexia. Anthony Hampton seconded. The board voted unanimously to have a special meeting specifically on dyslexia.
- vii. Mr. Wood encouraged Mr. Poore to compile ideas and share dates for the special meeting as soon as possible.

V. Pinnacle View Facility Plan

- A. Mr. Poore introduced Dr. Jay Pickering, principal of Pinnacle View Middle School. Dr. Pickering shared a presentation about the 9th Grade Task Force. Dr. Pickering described how Pinnacle View will operate as a New Tech and/or School of Innovation school.
- B. Mrs. Fox made a motion for the Board to approve the application for the School of Innovation at Pinnacle View. Michael Mason seconded the motion. Mr. Fox expressed his desire for a traditional high school. At the board's request, Mr. Pickering discussed how students can participate in extra-curricular activities including sports.
- C. The board voted unanimously to recommend the Pinnacle View School of Innovation plan to Commissioner Key.

VI. Hall High Facility Plan

- A. Dr. Mark Roberts, principal of Hall High School, presented a future status update. Dr. Roberts discussed the schools High Reliability School goals. He also discussed other accomplishments such as increasing concurrent credit, serving students with social and mental health service professionals. He shared a handout with the Board that detailed a teacher and staff survey about school culture. He talked about a \$10,000 donation from the TRIBE (Hall High Alumni Association) and Mr. Poore for a positive marketing campaign.
- B. Mrs. Fox made a motion to make Hall High a STEM school with an attendance zone and magnet option. The board and administration discussed components of a STEM program at Hall, specifically about a medical component. Ms. Spencer stressed the

need for a medical component to the STEM program for enhancing Arkansas's pool of medical personnel in rural areas.

- C. Mr. Burton shared background work that has been done by the district to garner partnerships with medical institutions, such as UAMS, Baptist Health, and St. Vincent. He also asked the board to consider adding an arts component to the STEM emphasis. Mrs. Fox withdrew her initial motion and added the STEAM emphasis to the motion. Anthony Hampton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Policy Adoption

A. Section 4

- i. Mr. Poore and Mr. Burton answered specific questions that Mrs. Fox submitted prior to the meeting about the recommended policy revisions, specifically she asked about background checks on staff at organization who work with our students for Community Learning projects. Mr. Poore explained the revisions.
- ii. Anthony Hampton made a motion to approve the recommended revisions to Section 4. LaShannon Spencer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Section 5

- i. Ms. Spencer recommended a retreat or special meeting to address concerns about 5.1 to be scheduled at a later date. Mr. Wood agreed.
- ii. Michael Mason moved to recommend approval of Section 5. Anthony Hampton seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Budget Review

- A. Mr. Bailey shared a 10-year spreadsheet of Property Tax Assessments and State Foundation Allocation, NSLA Funding. He also discussed the forecasted budget for FY2020. Mr. Bailey answered questions and took suggestions from the Board about NSLA funding and the FY2020 budget.
- B. Mr. Bailey reviewed budget reduction initiatives the District has made in the past and future reduction plans. Mrs. Fox encouraged Mr. Poore and Mr. Bailey to consider the staffing suggestions the board made tonight in planning next year's budget.
- C. Mr. Bailey presented a spreadsheet of the current teacher salary schedule. Mr. Wood asked for a report detailing the costs of increasing starting teacher salary.

IX. Community Comments

- A. Elizabeth Huggins shared comments about her and her child's experience in the District's dyslexia program.
- B. Kelly Pedro shared comments about her hopes that teachers will be included in the planning of the District's dyslexia plan.
- C. Olivia Bundrick shared her agreement with Mrs. Pedro's comments.

X. Board Comments

- A. Mr. Poore reminded the Board that they were given a binder of Board Policy.
- B. He invited them to visit school/district events at Roberts and the Hall of Industry.

XI. Meeting adjourned at 9:04 pm.