

Little Rock School District

Community Advisory Board

Thursday, January 25, 2018

Meeting convened at 5:32 pm in the Student Center of the LRSD Administration Building. Board members in attendance were Lupita Chavarria, Larry Clark, Melanie Fox, Anthony Hampton, and Superintendent Mike Poore.

- I. Welcome and Celebration
 - A. Mr. Poore welcomed to Stephens and Meadowcliff Elementary students and parents
 - B. Mr. Poore offered congratulations to:
 1. Stephens Elementary for first anniversary for First Security Bank inside school
 2. Communications Department for New District website
 3. Communications Department for Community Annual Report
 4. Jefferson Elementary Chess Tournament
 5. Principal Darian Smith for the Elementary Basketball League
- II. School Board Recognition Month
 - A. Stephens Elementary Choir sang "Stand By Us" in appreciation to the Community Advisory Board.
 - B. Meadowcliff Elementary Choir sang "Thank You."
 - C. Mr. Poore distributed certificates and appreciation gift bags to each Board member.
 - D. President Jeff Wood offered thanks and comments.
- III. Instructional Updates
 - A. Science Update presented by Mrs. Annice Steadman, LRSD Science Coordinator.
 1. Mrs. Steadman informed the Board of various updates such as Conceptual Shifts, new courses (Integrated Sciences, Physics, Astronomy, Earth Science, Environmental Science, Human Anatomy and Physiology), and Performance Expectations.
 2. Mrs. Steadman also answered questions from the Board.
 - B. Social Studies Update presented by Mrs. Laura Beth Arnold, LRSD Social Studies Coordinator.
 1. Mrs. Arnold shared background information that led to the addition of personal and family finance standards in order to meet the requirements of Act 480.
 2. She also reviewed actions the District has taken to meet the new standards. Mrs. Arnold discussed plans the District submitted for coursework to meet standards.
 3. Finally, she talked about next steps for implementing Act 480, including notifying stakeholders, updating course catalog, establishing a committee for

planning and a curriculum team, and develop professional development for teachers. Next, Mrs. Arnold reviewed the District's efforts to meet the requirements of Act 478.

1. Act 478 requires passage of the Civics portion of the Naturalization Test.
2. Mrs. Arnold discussed the District's plan for compliance, which includes informing parents, providing support on all levels, creating assessment plans, working with building administrators, and devising a long-term plan for prep, administration, and monitoring results.
3. She offered resources that parents and teachers can use to help students.
4. Questions from the Board were answered by Mrs. Arnold.

C. LRSD Support of Dyslexic Students

1. Mrs. Sabrina Stout, Elementary Literacy Coordinator, presented an overview of the District's approach to literacy. She also talk about how the District is meeting the requirements of Act 1268. Mrs. Stout and other literacy specialists (Gina Khoury, Clarissa White, Stephanie Thompson, and Amanda Swift) discussed the RISE Academy, learning processes, teaching techniques/strategies, interventions, and assessments/screeners.
2. The group answered questions from the Board including the processes for diagnosing students with dyslexia and accommodations that can be made for diagnosed students.
3. Mr. Wood thanked the group for their presentation and offered some reflections.

IV. Facility Master Plan – Action Item

1. Mr. Poore introduced this portion of the agenda and encouraged the Board to table Item VII. "Policy Updates – Review" to next month's meeting for time's sake.
2. Mr. Kevin Yarberry, Maintenance and Operations Director, presented the steps the District must take for the District's Master Facility Plan. He discussed the work the District has done with AR Department of Education and the AR Division of Public Education Facilities and Transportation. He also talked about the steps the District has yet to take toward the Plan.
3. Mr. Poore explained plans for community discussions of options for utilization of buildings and student assignment in order to ensure stakeholder involvement.
4. Mr. Yarberry recommended action by the Board for approval of
 1. Mrs. Melanie Fox moved for the Board to accept the Facility Master Plan.
 2. Jeff Wood offered support, but offered concerns about the inclusion of West Little Rock for facility plans. The motion was unanimously approved.

3. Mrs. Fox also moved that the Board accept the District's plan to reconfigure McClellan to a K-8 school and accept Partnership funds.
Anthony Hampton seconded the motion. The vote was approved 5-0.

V. Promo for CAB Members

- A. Mr. Poore encouraged Board Members to recruit candidates to apply for the vacant CAB member spots. Kandi Hughes resigned

VI. Meeting Change for May 2018

- A. The Board moved the May meeting to May 31, 2018 to avoid a conflict with Central High School's Commencement Ceremony.

VII. CAB Comments

- A. Mr. Poore talked about the District's new partnership with CALS.

VIII. Adjournment

- A. Mr. Anthony Hampton moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Larry Clark seconded the meeting. All members voted in favor of adjourning at 7:57 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Jasmine Perry, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent.