Little Rock School District
Community Advisory Board Meeting

December 8, 2016, 5:30 PM

In attendance: Lupita Chavarria, Larry Clark, Melanie Fox, and Jeff Wood

I. Celebrations
   A. Hall High 1st Place in Stock Market Game by Economics Arkansas
   B. Central High School was voted top high school by Niche
   C. Jefferson Elementary Choir Holiday Carolers
   D. Restaurants Give Back, December 9-15, 14 Schools
      a. Trios, US Pizza, South on Main, Cajuns Wharf, Capers, Copper Grill, Big Whiskey, Gus’s, Whole Hog, Lost Forty, Local Lime, Height Taco, 1836 Club, Chick Fila, The Root, Firehouse Subs, Copelands
      b. Will work with schools to identify receiving families
   E. Resignation of Chauncey Holloman Pettis
   F. Kandi Hughes was selected as Freddie Scott’s replacement

II. Update on Budget Reductions and Utilization Report
    a. Community Zone Meetings (seven total; one in each zone)
       i. Approximately 100 in attendance at each meeting
       ii. Comments from each meeting are posted to the LRSD website
       iii. Twitter Town Hall
       iv. Utilization recommendation will go to Commissioner Key some time in February
    b. Discussion about the possibility of Fiscal Distress without budget reductions
       i. State monitors budget every month; fund balance
       ii. State monitors state audits (legislative audit)
    c. School Closure Possibilities
       i. Considerations of closing fewer schools
    d. Academic distress Designation in relation to budget reductions
       i. Loss of desegregation funds requires reductions

III. Public Comments
    a. Jason Crader – Asked that Carver closing will be reconsidered
    b. Mary Kay Simmons – Asked that Carver closing will be reconsidered
    c. Isis Pettaway – Asked that Carver closing will be reconsidered
    d. Discussion about current student services and grants if schools are closed
    e. Community Report

IV. Three Year Report on Discipline
    a. Role of the Community Advisory Board discussed – Focused on academic distress
    b. Restorative Justice program
    c. Cloverdale Middle School’s Student Advisory Group
       i. Develop strategies on how to decrease discipline incidents
d. Working with staff and students to create strong academic environments and cultures

e. Remarks from Mr. Marvin Burton regarding McClellan’s new Restorative Justice program, JA Fair’s Positive Based Intervention System, and Hall’s City Year program

f. Discussion about discipline interventions at elementary level and parent involvement

g. Discussion about “Sent Home” numbers and the effects of using “sent homes” as a discipline strategy

h. Discussion about the effects of discipline issues on academics and the effects of outside factors

i. Discussion about social media curriculum

V. Update on Achieve Team

a. Working with one set of data

b. Meetings in February and March will give a better picture

c. Middle Schools - Mr. Jenkins’s classroom visits and changes

i. Remarks from Dr. Daniel Whitehorn - most meaningful discipline method is a solid lesson plan and being highly visible

1. Explained the process of the Achieve Team

2. Henderson – implementation of Odysseyware; improving school culture; using data to make decision; developing pre- and post-tests;

3. Cloverdale – developed Read180 and Math180 programs for students who need extra support; had technology issues met; formed four new English Language Development classes; some transportation issues for students solved; co-teaching training; vertical alignment meetings with feeder elementary schools and high schools

ii. Discussion about assessments

d. High Schools

i. Discussion about ACT assessment

ii. Discussion about ACSIP

iii. Hall – AVID strategies training

iv. McClellan – Integration of technology training for teachers

v. Discussion of using School Improvement Specialists – work with schools to improve instruction; complete state required documents and lead school improvement leadership team meetings; monitor data

vi. Discussion about the assessment process and grades

e. Discussion about how to regain local control and school reconstitution

VI. Community Advisory Board Report to Commissioner of Education

a. Discussions

i. What should be included

ii. Building Community Capacity and seeking community input

iii. Strengths and frustrations

iv. Communication with parents about how to work with schools

v. Members will submit rough drafts to Board president before Christmas