

CUSD Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

October 15, 2020

ATTENDEES

Facilitator: Greg Dannis

CAC Members

Present: Janhavi Agashe, Samantha Allred, Sandy Baba, Polly Bove, Shivani Chadha, KaiQi Chen, Zack Chen, MaryAnn Cunningham, Poornima Dilip, JR Fruen, Waqar Hashim, Sudha Kasamsetty, Jennifer Kerwin, Varinder Kumar, Christine Leung, Alan Li, Mark Loundy, Ann Mitchell, Joseph Nuno, Archana Pandit, Chempa Ranganathan, Sheila Routh, Dhivya Shanmugan, Aneesh Sharma, Manuela Silveira, Parimi Srinivas, Anuradha Subramaniam, Rahul Vasanth, Sam Vichrilli, Jingli Wang

Absent: none - all members present

District Resources: Jeff Bowman, Chief Operations Officer; Allison Liner, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services; Leslie Mains, Associate Superintendent, HR; Stacy McAfee-Yao, Interim Superintendent

MEETING MINUTES

Interim Superintendent Stacy McAfee-Yao called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm.

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Agenda Item I – Opening Remarks

- Stacy welcomed everyone and expressed her deep appreciation and respect for their tremendous dedication and effort, as well as the very thoughtful work that this group has accomplished
- The diversity of this group is highly valued and is a great contributor to the group's success
- The charge to CAC is a daunting one, and the group's labor has been under tremendous and intense scrutiny, but everyone maintained their focus and moved the process along professionally; the group's accomplishments build a strong foundation for the Board to base their decision making on

Agenda Item II – Affirmations

- This is the 5th meeting of five before the October 22, 2020 presentation to the Board
- The CAC reaffirmed its charge, which is to “...develop criteria to inform Board decisions to close schools; closing schools are part of a concrete plan to achieve short-term expenditure reductions, as well as provide long-term fiscal solvency and stability; and balance enrollment in elementary and middle schools across the District.”
- Using the Board guiding principles and the additional criteria that the group developed, CAC validates the fairness and equitability of their recommendations to the Board to help them make decision
- At the October 22 Board meeting, the Board will be able to ask clarifying questions, and no action will be taken
- The Board will continue deliberation at subsequent Board meetings in November

Agenda Items III – Small Groups Presentations of Updated Scenarios – Highlight Modifications

- Each CAC sub-group had 15 minutes to present the updates/modifications to their original proposals that include:
 - The logic and facts behind each of their proposals
 - How the proposed scenarios fit with the Board criteria and guiding principles, and the additional CAC criteria ranking
 - Timeline
 - Strengths and challenges of each scenario
 - Savings estimates
- Members suggested that CAC continue as a standing committee to provide resources into the future

Agenda Item IV – Format of Presentation to the Board

- CAC members continued dialogue/brainstormed thoughts and ideas regarding:
 - A consistent, clear format to present all proposals to the Board and the public to make it easier for them to grasp what is a very emotional and complicated issue
 - The need to show the philosophies/thoughts/data that are behind each proposal
 - The use of slides/map to help visualize the proposals
- Members agree to the following presentation format:

- Staff will start with an introduction that will touch on the “CAC Story” – its charge, process, deliberations, depths of research, things/concerns considered...etc.
- CAC members will then take over the presentation, which include:
 1. the common considerations and criteria of all proposals,
 2. each proposed scenario, and
 3. other considerations
- Staff will end with concluding remarks before Board asks clarifying questions
- The Board will be able to ask clarifying questions both immediately following each presentation as well as after the concluding remarks
- Although there is more than one proposal, and they are worked on by different sub-groups, every CAC member stands behind each and every proposal
- Staff will work on the virtual presentation logistics

Agenda Item V – Communication/Report Out

- Minutes will be sent to members for review
- Due to the short time period between this meeting and the Board meeting scheduled for next Thursday (October 22), we may not have enough time to publish the minutes to the community prior to the October 22 Board meeting

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm