

BSEP PLANNING & OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MINUTES
November 10, 2015
BUSD Offices–Technology Room 126
2020 Bona Street, Berkeley, CA 94702

P&O Committee Members Present:

Madhu Marchesini, Arts Magnet
Martin de Mucha Flores, Cragmont (Co)
Pamela Diebel, Cragmont (Co)
Shauna Rabinowitz, Jefferson
Danielle Perez, John Muir (co-Chair)
Robert Collier, Le Conte (Co)
Lily Howell, Malcolm X
Lea Baechler Brabo, Oxford
John Eknoian, Oxford
Monica Booth, Rosa Parks

Elisabeth Hensley, King
Josh Irwin, King (Alt)
Bruce Simon, King (co-Chair)
Catherine Huchting, Willard
John Lavine, Berkeley High
Catherine Lazio, Berkeley High
Christine Staples, Berkeley High
Ramallamar, BTA
Louise Harm, Independent Study

P&O Committee Member Absent:

Victoria Hritonenko, PreK
Bridgett Bernhard, Arts Magnet (Alt)
Lucia Sullivan, Cragmont (Alt)
Eric van Dusen, Cragmont (Co)
Dawn Paxson, Emerson/Willard
Terry Pastika, Jefferson (Alt)
Deborah Simon Weisberg, Le Conte (Co)
Jontanika Battle, Malcolm X (Alt)
Molly Jo Alaimo, Oxford (Alt)
Laura Babitt, Rosa Parks
Weldon Bradstreet, Rosa Parks (Alt)

Patrick Hamill, Thousand Oaks
Christine Meuris, Willard
Marian Bradley Kohr, King (Alt)
Abby Wincher, Longfellow
Milan Drake, Berkeley High (Alt)
Floyd Finney, Berkeley High
Aaron Glimme, Berkeley High
Brianna Rogers, Berkeley High (Alt)
Max Cramer, Berkeley High Student Rep
Alecia Harger, Berkeley High Student Rep
(Alt)

Visitors, School Board Directors, Union Reps, and Guests:

Donald Evans, BUSD Superintendent
Liz Karam, BSEP Senior Budget Analyst
Nafeesch Muhammad, Parent BTA

BSEP Staff:

Natasha Beery, Director, BSEP and Community Relations
Valerie Tay, BSEP Program Specialist
Linda Race, BSEP Staff Support

MOTION CARRIED (Collier/Eknoian): To approve the meeting minutes of the October 27, 2015 P&O Committee Meeting. The motion was approved with a showing of 13 hands, with no objections, and 2 abstentions.

Co-Chair Simon noted that a member does not have to abstain if they were not at the previous meeting.

6. Public Comment

Rama Lamar shared that today some of the students from the BHS Black Student Union came to the BTA school site to express concerns about the November 4 hate crime; some students felt that the administration might not expel the student or treat it as a hate crime. Lamar noted that he brought this up so that the students could be supported and expect the proper consequences for that action to take place. There was a very brief discussion about whether or not it should be included in the P&O committee comments to the Board. Beer stated that it would be more appropriate for individual public comments, and it was likely that there would be many individual public comments on the incident. It would not be appropriate in the time allowed at the board meeting or committee business commentary as the issue does not relate to the P&O purview. Superintendent Evans stated that the incident was being addressed and the District would continue to follow up. He will also address the incident at the board meeting. Lamar stated that it was not his intention for the committee to take action, but to be

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Additional notes, questions and responses:

Beery noted that the parcel taxes she has reviewed, BSEP provided the largest percentage of a district budget and local support dwarfs the small amount from federal funds.

Does this include Special Ed funds? Special Ed funds are included as part of Federal funds.

The total district budget is around \$124M. More details are online at the BUSD website although Beery noted that they are still working on updating the online

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later. Simon noted that with the LCAP system, the District has more discretion over those funds and now, some of the responsibilities that were previously managed with "restricted funds" are now deemed unrestricted." Lazio noted that there is some overlap between programs that could be funded by LCAP and those that are funded by the site's roughly \$700K in BSEP site money. She thought there should be some stronger interface because the high school has funded support services and interventions now and be

The members of the P&O Committee are happy to volunteer the time and energy to ensure that BSEP funds are spent in accordance with the goals outlined in the BSEP measure. We all recognize the critical importance of BSEP funds in providing the best learning experience for all Berkeley School District students, and take very seriously our role as representatives of the larger community. We look forward to continuing to support learning as

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