

**BSEP PLANNING & OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**November 14, 2017**

BUSD Offices Technology Room 126  
2020 Bonar Street, Berkeley, CA 94702

**P&O Committee Members Present:**

Nicole Chabot, *Arts Magnet (Co)*  
Loretha (Elle) Henry, *Arts Magnet (Co)*  
Liz Fox, *Cragmont*  
Henry Charalambides, *Jefferson*  
Danielle Perez, *John Muir (co-Chair)*  
Lucero Lupercio, *LeConte*  
Jane Tunks Demel, *Malcolm X*  
Carla Bryant, *Oxford*  
Weldon Bradstreet, *Rosa Parks*  
Aaron Schiller, *Thousand Oaks*

Stephanie Upp, *Washington*  
Bruce Simon, *King (co-Chair)*  
Sean Poremba, *Longfellow*  
Rita Gaber, *Willard*  
Jennifer Sitkin Morgan, *Willard*  
Aaron Glimme, *Berkeley High*  
Josh Irwin, *Berkeley High*  
Shauna Rabinowitz, *Berkeley High*  
Christina Balch, *Independent Study*

**P&O Committee Members Absent\*:**

Dawn Paxson, *Emerson*  
Cheryl Havens, *King*  
Terry Pastika, *King*

*\*Alternates and co-reps are not marked absent if another rep is present. Currently there is not representation from the stand-alone T-K, Pre-K, or BTA.*

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

Cathy Campbell, *President, Berkeley Federation of Teachers*  
Beatriz Leyva-Cutler, *School Board Director*  
Paula Phillips, *President, Berkeley Council of Classified Employees*  
Mati Teiblum, *Parent of Jefferson, King, and BHS students*

**BSEP Staff:**

Natasha Beery, *Director, BSEP and Community Relations*  
Valerie Tay, *BSEP Program Specialist*  
Heller Rathbone, *BSEP Staff Support*

**1. Call to Order, Introductions & Site Reports**

At 7:38 p.m. Co-chair Perez called the meeting to order by welcoming attendees.

**2. Establish the Quorum/Approve Agenda**

The quorum was established and the agenda was



Multiple inter-district transfer permit requests,, e.g. 20 for 9<sup>th</sup> grade alone, which is challenging for scheduling although it does (when there is room) provide ADA funding.

Beery mentioned the BFT contract language and class sizes.

The question was asked as to whether the District could add more FTE? (Glimme later clarified that FTE is acronym for full-time equivalents.) Scuderi noted that it is very difficult as time passes, especially if it unduly disrupts high school student schedules, and it was important to make a student-centered decision that would allow schedules to stabilize.

Glimme added that Berkeley High has had low class sizes; last year was anomalous.

Beery noted that considering trends, progress is being made to balanced class sizes at the elementary school. Most school sites are already close to the average 23 target.

A demographic study done in 2015 predicted a great influx of students which did not materialize. Superintendent Evans added that there had even been thought of turning the Administration building into an elementary school to meet the predicted influx. Current predictions based on demographics gathered by the administration are considered more realistic.

Beery noted that the language in the BFT contract regarding a K-5 cap is separate from BSEP which does not specify a cap, but a target average.

Christina Balch noted that BTA teachers would rather have students transferred in instead of being placed in new schools.

## **9. SGC Elections and Orientation – Draft Report**

*(Valerie Tay, BSEP Program Specialist)*

Tay began by noting that the P&O Committee has been formed through the SGC elections process which takes place at the beginning of each year. Many also provided information on the outreach&O



safety plan information. Nate, a firefighter parent at Jefferson, was also mentioned a someone who could be of assistance.

Glimme commented that a beeping sound in the meeting room has been distracting and requested the meeting be moved if it continues to be a problem.

Glimme said that since these are public meetings, it is important to familiarize ourselves with the Brown Act, and he requested it be distributed to the list.

Irwin noted that all documents have historically been emailed in advance and hoped that would continue.

Tay handed out farewell gifts from Linda Race who formerly took minutes.

#### **10. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.