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Minutes (Long)

Tuesday, September 15, 2009

8:00 AM

Special Meeting

**Board Room, Paul Robeson Building, 1025 2nd Avenue, Oakland, CA
94606-2212**

Intergovernmental Relations Committee

*Jody London, Chairperson
Noel Gallo, Member
Jumoke Hodge, Member*

A. Call to Order

Chairperson Jody London called the meeting to order at 8:12 A.M.

B. Roll Call

Roll Call: Present: Jumoke Hodge and Jody London
Absent: Noel Gallo

C. Unfinished Business



09-2593 Board of Education - 2009-2010 Community Engagement Plan

Presentation by Sara Nuno, OUSD Family and Community Office, on proposed 2009-2010 Board - Community Engagement Plan.

Attachments: [09-2593 - Board of Education - 2009-2010 Community Engagement Plan.pdf](#)
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Director London said this was a follow on meeting from the meeting earlier this month with the following two items of business for today:

- 1. Budget alignment.*
- 2. School Portfolio Management with the goal being the Committee will have something to take to the Board next week.*

She said the goal of budget alignment would be to help create a shared vision and understanding of how to align our budget given the current fiscal situation; to gather input from our stakeholders on how to prioritize; to reduce our budget and balance it.

Director Hodge said she is on the committee to evaluate the Superintendent. The committee is developing measurements and a rubric aligning our Operational Expectations with the evaluation for the Superintendent. She said we are being very clear about how to measure the performance of the Superintendent as it relates to the Operational Expectations and there are very clear measurable results we are looking at.

Chairperson London said there is an overall basic presentation; how is the District doing, what's happening in the District academically, what's happening with our facilities and our budget. She said depending on the audience you may go deeper with some of the budget issues. Some of the Engagement Strategies:

- 1. The Superintendent hosting two or three city-wide meetings.*
- 2. Each Board Member offering this opportunity in their district.*
- 3. Focus groups.*
- 4. Follow-up at school sites.*
- 5. On-line budget survey tool.*

6. *Create a guiding coalition of stakeholder leaders.*

Laura Moran, Chief Services Officer spoke regarding some of the resources available: The Family and Community Office; Darien Louie, the East Bay Community Foundation working to bring additional funds to the District; the Urban Strategies, a great partner in the work last year.

Chairperson London said she thinks we need professional facilitation from people who are experienced with managing sometimes difficult situations. She said for her the framing of the conversation is here's what's happening in Oakland; this is the Board's agenda and our focus on quality instruction; this is the amount of money we are working with; help us prioritize how we make sure it continues to happen.

Laura Moran said the Superintendent talked about framing the conversation around academic and fiscal solvency. She said there are going to be some hard conversations around how are we going to make the cuts. Because we are an academic business there is no way it is not going to cut into what people value in the academic programming. We are all nervous that without class size we will not be able to make this new cut. We have to be creative about how we talk about quality instruction versus an attachment just to class size. Chairperson London noted that classrooms are sized to hold a certain number of students. Director Hodge said classrooms are fit to size a certain way, but who's to say classroom learning is the best place where instruction is happening. She said we have to push around how we make this District the best District serving our children. Director Hodge said everything should go on the table.

Ann Okahara, Family and Community Office, said if we are talking about engaging people with strategic alignment regarding the budget, what typically happens are the things that have been controversial in the past is everybody's favorite program. She said for most people if you just pull a quick crisis orientated engagement together, it comes down to what programs do I like and what things have I heard about.

Chairperson London said a lot depends on how we design the conversation and how we bring the conversation forward. She said what she would like to see is a plan the Committee can take to the Board on Wednesday and an ongoing commitment to keep meeting.

Darien Louie said on September 3rd they hosted a meeting with the philanthropic community to meet Dr. Smith and for him to express his vision for the success of the District. As a result, there is a lot of excitement with our philanthropic partners to help this District succeed and a lot of the funders are interested in community engagement and they are stepping up to the plate with support financially. There is a sense of urgency that we are waiting to see what the Board's priorities will be in their strategies and we could bring resources for staff and Board to help shape the planning and the implementation of those strategies.

Sarah Nuno said if we are going with Network Executive Officers (NEXO's) leading there needs to be structure with the process. Ms. Nunoz said she supports the process but it needs to be extremely structured with a purpose that is shared and some autonomy with how the NEXO's roll it out. Ms. Nunoz said we need to push holding a meeting regionally so you can talk about the impact that a school closure or an adjustment to a school would

have on the surrounding school community.

Chairperson London asked was it possible for the Intergovernmental Relations Committee and the Teaching and Learning Committee to meet jointly to have the conversation at one time. Mr. Rakestraw said it becomes four Members of the Board and that would be a Special Meeting of the Board. Chairperson London recommended the Committee forward to the Board next week the first page of input for the Community Engagement Stakeholder Strategy.

Recommended Favorably as Amended



09-2602

City - District Education Partnership Issues

Discussion by the Committee of issues, topics for future meeting of the City - District Education Partnership Committee.

Attachments: [Document\(s\)](#)
[Joint Resolution - City - District - Promoting Collaboration Between the City and the School District Addressing Specific Youth Problems Within the City.pdf](#)

Chairperson London said the Committee should find three key issues where we want to work with the City. We go to them and say these are the priorities we see for us as a partnership.

(1) Youth Policy Agenda, (2) Safety, and (3) Green City.

Laura Moran said the Mayor's Office and City Council work independently of each other. She said building relationships with City Council Members is extremely important. She said if the Education Partnership Committee is going to be a real meaningful committee she suggest they meet once a month. She said the three major revenue sources of the tax payers are OFCY, Measure "Y" and Measure "G". We have to figure out how to use those very strategically in these hard budget times. She said the staff level people she works with on the ground would like to see some joint leadership voice at a higher level so that we can be more connected. Ms. Moran said the current District Representatives on the JPA are: Alice Spearman, Noel Gallo, David Kakishiba, Laura Moran and the Superintendent. Chairperson London said one option would be to request that this Committee become the District's Representatives to the JPA. Director Hodge made a motion for consideration that the Board allows the Intergovernmental Relations Committee to be the representatives on the JPA. Chairperson London seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous. Director Hodge proposed to the Education Partnership Committee suggesting they meet monthly. The Vote was unanimous. Chairperson London said this recommendation would be forwarded to the Board next week. Director Hodge said they should craft some language containing why the Committee thinks the recommendation is important and will have the letter ready by noon on Friday for posting with the Board Meeting Agenda.

Public Comments

Darian Louie said she thought it was a great idea for the joint leadership with the City Council, the Mayor, and the Board of Education and offered the East Bay Community Foundation as a neutral site to host a meeting.

Discussed

D. New Business

None.

E. Adjournment

Chairperson London adjourned the meeting at 9:22 A.M.

Prepared By: _____

Approved By: _____