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Minutes (Long)

Tuesday, February 02, 2010

4:00 PM

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

Safety Committee

***Alice Spearman, Chairperson
Jumoke Hodge, Member
Noel Gallo, Member***

A. Call to Order

Chairperson Alice Spearman called the meeting to order at 4:00 P.M.

B. Roll Call

Roll Call: Present: Jumoke Hodge, Noel Gallo and Alice Spearman

C. Modification(s) To Agenda

None.

D. Adoption of Committee Minutes



[10-0167](#) Minutes - Safety Committee Meeting - January 20, 2010

Approval by the Safety Committee of Its Meeting Minutes of January 20, 2010.

Attachments: [10-0167 - Minutes - Safety Committee Meeting - January 20, 2010](#)

A motion was made by Jumoke Hinton Hodge, seconded by Noel Gallo, that this matter be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Adv Aye: 0
Adv Nay: 0
Adv Abstain: 0
Aye: 3 - Jumoke Hinton Hodge, Noel Gallo and Alice Spearman
Nay: 0
Recused: 0
Preferential Aye: 0
Preferential Abstention: 0
Preferential Nay: 0

E. Adoption of the Committee General Consent Report

None.

F. Unfinished Business

G. New Business

10-0209 Safety Committee Work Plan for 2010

Adoption by the Safety Committee of its Work Plan for Calendar Year 2010.

Each Committee Member listed their priorities for the 2010 Work Plan.

Director Hodge listed items carried over from last year and Restorative Justice.

1. *Director Hodge suggested she and Director Spearman discuss the items that are carrying over from last year's Safety Committee since there was a change in the Committee Chair.*

2. *Director Hodge wants to get some clarity from staff and the Family and Community Office around what has already rolled out around Restorative Justice and their current time lines we can monitor.*

Secretary Rakestraw said for the record any conversation between any two members of the committee must be done in a public session.

Director Gallo listed two priorities - Restorative Justice, Truancy and Discipline Hearings.

1. *Restorative Justice - He said it is not going anywhere unless you support it. You cannot ask the teachers and the principals to do more than they are already doing. He said we are going to have to support the Family and Community Office to make sure at the high school level there is somebody that can follow through on the request for services.*

2. *Truancy - Director Gallo would like to see Truancy become a standing item on every Safety Committee Meeting Agenda.*

3. *Discipline Hearing - Director Gallo and Chairperson Spearman had a discussion regarding a past Board Policy where it was mandatory that the student being considered for expulsion appear before the sub-committee accompanied by the parent/guardian for consideration of re-admission back into the District. The sub committee would submit a report to the Full Board for final approval. Director Gallo said during that time the student suspension rate dropped significantly and it was rare when the Board expelled someone. Director Gallo said he would like this Committee to reinstate that procedure.*

Chairperson Spearman listed one priority - Police Services.

Chairperson Spearman said she agrees with all the suggestions from Committee Members and she had one suggestion. She would like the District Chief of Police Services to make a report at every Safety Committee meeting. Chairperson Spearman said in District 7 where she serves there has been a rash of burglaries and they also have truancy issues. There are pockets of students connected with the juvenile justice system that we need to know what's going on with them, what trends are going on in different areas of the District and how our Police Department is being rolled out.

Director Hodge said the Restorative Justice Resolution that the Board of Education passed is not a program. She said it is important for this committee to understand what Restorative Justice is. She noted the Chief of Police Services has been at the last three Safety Committee meetings and there have been extensive conversations with him. Director Hodge said Chief Sarna has data systems and he is looking at the supervision of the SSO's. Director Hodge expressed her concern around young people and communities coming before this committee if we don't share the same values and we are not on the same page as Board Members.

Chairperson Spearman said if we take on these issues we all need to be on the same accord. She said we have to figure out how we can get more support at the schools to help the schools deal with this social problem. Chairperson Spearman said we are going to start bringing up policies and procedures that are already on the books that people have forgotten about.

Director Gallo said he believes we need staff that is responsible for the follow through, to make sure the students get the support they need to stay in school or choose an alternative. He said in term of seeing families and the students, we are there to listen and make a recommendation. Director Gallo noted this would be done in Closed Session. He thinks the committee should pursue the idea.

Laura Moran, Chief Services Officer, said the staff she usually invites to the Safety Committee Meetings are Adrian Kirk, Family and Community Office, Angela Haick, Truancy, Maria Dehghanfard and Bill Riley - Discipline and Chief Sarna, Police Services who is ill tonight. She said we should start having Castle Redmond attend the meetings. Ms. Moran said on February 9th the Truancy Task Force will be meeting at Skyline High School from 3:00p.m. to 5:00p.m. The All City Council Youth Summit will be meeting on February 18th from 10:00a.m.-2:00 p.m. in Hunter Hall, Chief Sarna and Chief Batts of the Oakland Police Department will be in attendance.

Chairperson Spearman said once a month we can schedule Castle Redmond on the agenda.

Discussed

H. Public Comments on All Non-Agenda Items Within the Subject Matter Jurisdiction of the Committee

There were no public speaker cards submitted.

I. Chairperson's Statement Disclosing Item(s) to be Discussed in Closed Session Today

Chairperson Spearman stated the meeting would recess to Closed Session to take up student matters.

J. Closed Session Item(s):**Pupil Matter(s)****Admission(s)**

10-0137 Admission Hearing - Student O

10-0138 Admission Hearing - Student P

Expulsion(s)

10-0139 Expulsion Appeal Hearing - Student Q

10-0145 Expulsion Appeal Hearing - Student R

K. Recess to Closed Session

Chairperson Spearman recessed the Public Session to Closed Session at 4:25 P.M.

L. Reconvene to Public Session

Chairperson Spearman reconvened the meeting to Public Session at 4:58 P.M.

M. Second Roll Call

Roll Call: Present: Jumoke Hodge, Noel Gallo and Alice Spearman

N. Chairperson's Statement of Reportable Action Taken in Closed Session and the Vote or Abstention of Members Present, if any.

Chairperson Spearman stated there was no reportable action taken in Closed Session.

O. Introduction of New Legislative Matter

None.

P. Adjournment

Chairperson Spearman adjourned the meeting at 5:00 P.M.

Prepared By: _____

Approved By: _____