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Minutes (Long)

Wednesday, January 20, 2010

4:00 PM

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

Safety Committee

***Jumoke Hodge, Chairperson
David Kakishiba, Member
Alice Spearman, Member***

A. Call to Order

Chairperson Jumoke Hodge called the meeting to order 4:04 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Roll Call: Present: David Kakishiba and Jumoke Hodge
Absent: Alice Spearman

C. Modification(s) To Agenda

None.

D. Adoption of Committee Minutes



[10-0066](#) Minutes - Safety Committee Meeting - January 5, 2010

Approval by the Safety Committee of Its Meeting Minutes of January 5, 2010.

Attachments: [10-0066 - Minutes - Safety Committee Meeting - January 5, 2010](#)

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

Votes: Adv Aye: 0
Adv Nay: 0
Adv Abstain: 0
Aye: 2 - David Kakishiba and Jumoke Hinton Hodge
Nay: 0
Recused: 0
Absent: 1 - Alice Spearman
Preferential Aye: 0
Preferential Abstention: 0
Preferential Nay: 0

E. Adoption of the Committee General Consent Report

None.

F. Unfinished Business

[09-2974](#)**District's Restorative Justice Initiative**

Adoption by the Board of Education of Resolution No. 0910-0120 - Restorative Justice Practices Among Youth and Adults Impacting District's School Climate, Discipline Policy and Procedures.

Attachments: [Document\(s\)](#)
[09-2974 - District's Restorative Justice Initiative.pdf](#)

Laura Moran, Chief Services Officer, said she took the feedback from the last meeting and has the revisions.

Adrian Kirk, Director of the Family and Community Office, talked about some of the changes made in the Resolution. He said they changed some of the language to allow school sites and others around the District some latitude. The changes include:

- 1. Superintendent Smith's culture of caring is integrated in the last paragraph.*
- 2. All City Council would like to see more Restorative Practices and Restorative Justice integrated on the campuses.*
- 3. Youth Together is active at Fremont, Castlemont and Skyline High Schools. They are integrating this Restorative Justice work with their own staff and the students so they can roll it out and see a more restorative approach to student discipline and the handling of student conflict in general on all campuses.*

Committee Discussion

Chairperson Hodge said she likes the third whereas that there is an inclusion of students, teachers, administrators, parents and District Leadership. This is about adult practices, not just about what we are going to do to students or do differently with students.

Chairperson Hodge talked about lifting up the lessons learned at Cole Middle School and wanted to know if we are going to lift up the Cole lesson.

Ms. Moran said Rita Alfred is involved with the implementation of this policy. In terms of the Cole practices, at the retreat held this past summer Rita Alfred and Ivory Brooks did a fishbowl with all principals at each level about what the practices were and about the adult piece.

Chairperson Hodge said in the last meeting minutes Director Kakishiba talked specifically about a pilot to pay attention to the Resolution taking five or six schools to go deep and make sure the rest of the Board and the Committee knows the Cole story.

Ms. Moran said Rita Alfred was hired this year to go deeper in about five schools and she thinks they are already doing some of the things Director Kakishiba talked about. She said we can make a short five to ten minute video maybe working with Our Joy to put something together that can be shared with lots of different audiences.

Chairperson Hodge said we have a couple of Media Academies in the District and maybe that is something the students can do. She said on the McClymonds campus there is a Restorative Justice Coordinator on site 30 hours a week and that may be a place to start.

Secretary Rakestraw had a suggestion on a phrase in the Resolution. He suggested in the

last paragraph that begins Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved to place a comma after therefore and insert hereby launches. The phrase would now read Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, the Board of Education hereby launches a District-wide three year making it more positive and definitive rather than the Board Resolves to do it being passive as to opposed to be active.

Chairperson Hodge agreed with Secretary Rakestraw's suggestions.

Laura Moran recommended having Barbara McClung and Rita update the Committee on some of the work being done this year on Restorative Justice and how we are trying to go deeper in our schools.

Chairperson Hodge suggested a Board Meeting rather than a Committee Meeting. She also suggested having All City Council speaker at the same meeting.

The Resolution was moved to the full Board for approval at their next meeting.

A motion was made by David Kakishiba, seconded by Jumoke Hinton Hodge, that this matter be Recommended Favorably as Amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Adv Aye: 0
Adv Nay: 0
Adv Abstain: 0
Aye: 2 - David Kakishiba and Jumoke Hinton Hodge
Nay: 0
Recused: 0
Absent: 1 - Alice Spearman
Preferential Aye: 0
Preferential Abstention: 0
Preferential Nay: 0

G. New Business

10-0069 Report - Safety and Policies - Oakland Athletic League Games

Presentation of Report on Safety and Policies during Oakland Athletic League Games.

Pete Sarna, Chief of District Police Services, reported that a week ago there was an incident at Oakland Technical High School following the McClymonds/Tech game. He said several days before the basketball game, they received information believed as credible that there was the potential for violence after the game due to conflicts between gang members at both McClymonds and Oakland Tech. He said we tried to do some outreach with the parents to get to the root of the problem and figure out what the conflict was about but the parents were uncooperative. Chief Sarna said he made the decision based on the information received they could adequately staff the event and allow the event occur with increased security measures in place. He said they determined it was necessary to rescind the OAL Policy allowing bags into the game. At the conclusion of the event during the egress a fight started about 40 yards from the entrance of the event. He said

they later determined that the individuals did not enter the event, they were turned away. Several fist fights occurred. Six individual were detained and upon being searched one student had a loaded hand gun in his pocket. Based on the information we had a meeting with the Superintendent two days afterwards. Laura Moran and Michael Moore decided to come up with some interim measures to deal with potential violence in the future. Chief Sarna's recommendations:

1. Look at the OAL schedule to identify games with potential problems based on conflicts in the past or rivalries where additional police services may be needed.
2. Conduct a security audit with an individual sports management/entertainment firm of each OAL site looking at issues such as ingress and egress, proper staffing levels, emergency evacuation places and develop a binder for each facility to determine the best practices moving forward.
3. Utilize the new Camera Project at strategic locations filming persons entering the events.
4. Provide training to SSO's in crowd management.
5. The reinstatement of the no bags, no purses and no backpack policy based on a memo from Michael Moore.
6. At the conclusion of varsity basketball the varsity team will return to their campus so they don't remain on site.

Chairperson Hodge asked was there some kind of debriefing because a student had a gun?

Chief Sarna said Principal Reeves was on site and knew of the incident and that was all he knew.

Mr. Kirk said he did not receive the information in the Discipline Office in advance. We had to follow Ed Code and Central Office discipline had to be imposed to the student found with a weapon. Mr. Kirk said he will get the names from the Principal and start the process. He said it is up to the parents to opt in.

Chairperson Hodge said she is never asking that Restorative Justice supersede Ed Code.

Director Kakishiba wanted to know if the school had done that.

Mr. Kirk said EXCEL does have part staff available for this but he doesn't know if the person was called in. He said he will debrief to find out what steps have been taken and figure out what steps can be taken.

Ms. Moran said Police Services did a good job but we have not solved the root cause of the problem.

Director Kakishiba said in his professional life they have had a few instances where high tensions jumped off involving physical violence between students becomes racial. The matter is handled by the school in standard disciplinary manner but doesn't address the underlying cause. Discipline when applied this way pours gas on the fire. He said in those instances where there are community based personnel on campus working with the young people, there is no thought in figuring out if the person is a part of something by force or by choice and all the players don't come to the table. He said what Chief Sarna outlined today was fantastic.

Discussed and Closed**10-0070****Report on the 21st Century Foundation and the Black Men and Boys Initiative**

Presentation on the 21st Century Foundation and the Black Men and Boys Initiative.

Attachments: [10-0070 - Report on the 21st Century Foundation and the Black Men and Boys Initiative](#)
[Video Trailer - Bring Your A Game](#)

Tabled to a Date Certain**10-0098****Truancy Task Force Report and 2009-2010 Truancy Reduction Plan**

Presentation of the 2008-2009 Truancy Task Force Report and Truancy Reduction Plans for 2009-2010 School Year.

Attachments: [10-0098 - Truancy Task Force and 2009-2010 Truancy Reduction Plan.pdf](#)

Chief Sarna said we met before the holiday with Dr. Smith and the subset of the Truancy Task Force. We looked at a survey the youth had done on the Truancy Focus Groups and talked about how we want the Truancy Task Force to look this year. We wrote a letter of invitation approved by Dr. Smith to include Chief Batts, Don Blevins and Trina Thomas the new presiding judge on the juvenile court. We are going to hold the next three monthly meeting at a high school. We will focus on a different focus group at each meeting. The first meeting will focus on students; the second meeting will focus on the Faith Based Community and the third meeting will focus on the NCPC's. One meeting will be with the business community. We will do some hands on as we did last year such as home visits and inviting parents in to talk about truancy issues. Dr. Smith had letters develop today showing each school where they are at meeting their attendance targets and how much money the school is losing because they are not meeting their attendance targets.

Ms. Moran said she met with Chief Batts yesterday and said one of his primary interests is truancy and he wants to work very closely with us. We gave him some suggestions how to best utilize Measure "Y" dollars to support truancy efforts. We would like to have Board Members or the Safety Committee Members join us.

Chairperson Hodge asked Raquel Jimenez if there is enough student representation on the Truancy Task Force?

Ms. Jimenez said she attends the Truancy Task Force Meetings and she reports out at the monthly Meaningful Engagement Meeting. She said she also reports out to the All City Council Governing Board who meets twice a month specifically on truancy issue. At the next meeting we will be sharing the most recent truancy data.

Discussed and Closed

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

There were no public speaker cards submitted.

I. Introduction of New Legislative Matter

Director Kakishiba announced this would be his last meeting on the Safety Committee.

Chairperson Hodge thanked Director Kakishiba for his work and contributions to the Safety Committee.

J. Adjournment

Chairperson Hodge adjourned the meeting at 4:47 P.M.

Prepared By: _____

Approved By: _____