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Memo

To Board of Education

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Subject Superintendent’s Blueprint Ad Hoc Committee Update

Action Update and Discussion

Background On March 20, 2019 the Board of Education passed Resolution 1819-0178 [Resolution on Improving Engagement on Proposed School Changes](#). The Resolution recommended, but does not require, the Superintendent create a Blueprint Ad Hoc Committee to take on three important actions:

- Review the Criteria to identify schools being considered for expansion, redesign, merger, consolidation, or closure, and make recommendations to the Superintendent on possible revisions and updates;
- Review the Blueprint for Quality Schools Work Plan and make recommendations on overall improvements to the process to the Superintendent; and
- Review the Engagement Process to be followed at school sites in future cohorts which should include participation of multiple stakeholders such as certificated and classified staff, families, students, principals and community partners of affected school sites, and/or the School Site Council and make recommendations to the Superintendent.

The Board further suggested that if the Superintendent created such a Committee, which she has, that its activities “take place between April 15, 2019 and June 30, 2019” and be comprised of “up to 15 individuals, including but not limited to students, families, labor

partners, including 2-3 representatives from the Oakland Education Association (as selected by the OEA President), principals, community members and district staff.”

Discussion

Given the quick timeline, the limited number of spots on the committee, and the directive for broad representation across many roles/perspective, committee members were selected by OUSD staff and the Oakland Educators’ Association President. We were pleased that 93% of the offers extended were accepted. District staff made calls and sent emails to provide people with the role of the committee and level of commitment. In advance of the first meeting, district staff attempted to have phone calls to better understand how to set up the committee for success.

To date, the Superintendent’s Blueprint Ad Hoc Committee has met on April 13th and 29th. Agendas for these meetings hyperlinked below for ease of access.

- On April 13 the full day meeting focused on (1) community building, (2) selection criteria for schools involved in the Blueprint for Quality Schools.
- On April 29 participants (1) heard a presentation on the financial implications of OUSD’s current number and size of schools; and (2) worked with facilitated groups to share feedback on key questions.

Opinions and perspectives have varied widely within the Committee. Among key questions which have been raised have been focused on:

- The student outcome and financial impact of the 2012 school closures;
- Increasing the amount of early community engagement and qualitative data being used in the process;
- Balancing the site specific impacts with the systemwide impacts;
- Clarity and transparency around the process;

We are moving forward on our progress to bring a set of recommendations to the Superintendent as mandated within the resolution. Staff will strive to find recommendations which represent

the broad opinions of the ad hoc committee. However, to the extent that is not possible, our recommendations will make note of material dissent.

The intent is to include the recommendations from the Superintendent's Blueprint Ad Hoc Committee for engaging with Cohort 2 this spring and summer before the vote by the Board of Education in August, 2019 per the resolution. Staff will find time before the end of the school year to provide updates around Cohort 2 progress to school communities.

Attachment

[Ad Hoc Committee 4.13](#)

[Ad Hoc Committee Agenda 4.29](#)

[Ad Hoc Committee Members](#)