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CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

333 South Beaudry Avenue, Board Room

10:00 a.m., Tuesday, October 8, 2019

Committee Members

Dr. George J. McKenna III, Chairperson

Ms. Kelly Gonez, Board Member

Mr. Scott Schmerelson, Board Member

District Members

Ms. Kelley Barnes, Office of General Counsel

Mr. Austin Onwualu, Office of Inspector General

Ms. Alison Yoshimoto-Towery, Division of
Instruction

External Representatives

Mr. Daniel Barnhart, UTLA

Mr. Pedro Garcia, Local District South

Mr. Reggie Green, Parent Representative

Ms. Jeanette Stevens, San Pedro High
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NOTES

The meeting convened at 10:04 a.m. Ms. Kelly Gonez arrived at 10:20 a.m.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Committee Chair Dr. George J. McKenna, III, asked that committee members introduce themselves. He expressed his thanks to everyone in attendance and stated the purpose of the committee.

COLLEGE READINESS RESOURCES

Ms. Alison Yoshimoto-Towery, Interim Chief Academic Officer, discussed College Awareness Month. Ms. Yoshimoto-Towery stated from 2010-2018, the District has increased its graduation rate from 62% to 77%, and A-G completion with a C or better has increased from 29% to 62%. She highlighted some of the resources and tools provided to students and their families to help make college a reality and presented a brief video. She briefly discussed the College and Career Readiness Guide and the College Book for Seniors.

Ms. Yoshimoto-Towery discussed college and career readiness lessons from Transitional Kindergarten to High School.

Committee members shared comments on college and career readiness, and career technical education.

BOARD MEMBER RESOLUTION FOR DISCUSSION

Dr. McKenna explained the committee process regarding Board Member Resolutions for discussion. He provided a brief background of Resolution 011-19/20, Ensuring Support for Students at All Los Angeles Unified School District Schools. He invited Mr. Derrick Chau, Senior Executive Director, Office of the Chief Strategy Officer, and Mr. Oscar Lafarga, Executive Director, Office of Data and Accountability to discuss the progress of the School Performance Framework (SPF).

Mr. Chau stated the work around the SPF has been a team effort. He acknowledged the Division of Instruction, Office of Data and Accountability, Charter Schools Division, Federal and State Education Programs, Local District representatives, community partners, and parents. He also expressed his thanks to partners in the CORE districts for their support and expertise.

Mr. Chau highlighted some of the reasons why the District was developing the SPF as outlined in adopted Board Resolution 036-17/18, Achieving Excellence for All: Establishing a Framework for Continuous Improvement. He provided a brief timeline from the date the resolution passed in April 2018 to summer 2019. The stakeholder group identified four significant themes that guided the work of the SPF. The SPF themes are achievement; social and emotional learning, and the learning environment; equity; and holistic.

Mr. Lafarga stated the stakeholder group emphasized a great interest in looking at performance and growth under the achievement theme category. The Smarter Balanced Assessment results were viewed in two different ways, how change is incorporated and how growth is incorporated. Change is comparing how different students are performing from one year to the next on the same tests. Growth is comparing how the same students improved from one year to the next. He presented a chart showing how student growth scores vary across schools serving similar students. He discussed other school outcomes that go beyond the California School Dashboard such as academic growth, English learner reclassification, A-G graduation rate, and career and technical education pathway completion.

Mr. Lafarga and Mr. Chau responded to questions and comments from committee members related to grade level assessments, student growth scores, qualitative data, and the California School Dashboard.

Dr. McKenna asked legal counsel, Ms. Kelly Barnes to provide the guidelines for conducting this discussion. Committee members discussed the resolution. Some of the items highlighted were English Learner reclassification, qualitative data, California School Dashboard, ranking of schools, and LAUSD Performance Meter Data Summary.

The following speakers addressed the committee on the resolution:

Mr. David Tokofsky, AALA
Ms. Rose Reiss, Parent
Ms. Sari Rynew, Retired Teacher, Community Member
Ms. Francisca Sorto, Parent

Mr. Jose Murcia, Parent
Ms. Raquel Toscana, Speak Up
Ms. Tracy Cook, Parent
Mr. Carl Petersen, Parent

Dr. McKenna proposed an amendment to the resolution that the Data Summary Sheet, last used in 2013-14, be updated to reflect current data from the California Department of Education's California School Dashboard and existing data sources that the District currently collects and utilizes for accountability and decision making. The committee discussed the amendment. Dr. McKenna, Mr. Schmerelson, and Ms. Gonez recommended the resolution with the proposed amendment be presented for action at the next Regular Board meeting. Ms. Gonez announced she has questions about the resolution that she will discuss with Ms. Goldberg at a later date.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following speakers addressed the committee on Resolution 011-19/20, Ensuring Support for Students at All Los Angeles Unified School District Schools:

Ms. Maria Alvarado, Parent
Ms. Patricia Flores, Parent
Ms. Irma Alvarado-Villapando, Parent
Ms. Alma Padilla, Speak Up
Ms. Norma Santiago, Speak Up
Ms. Roxanne Nazerio, Speak Up
Ms. Eloisa Galindo, Parent
Ms. Jazmine Garcia, Parent
Mr. David Tokofsky
Ms. Martha Sanchez, Community Organizer
Mr. Orinio Opinado, Retired Teacher

The following speakers addressed the committee on the subjects indicated:

Ms. Cynthia Liu, Parent	Office of Inspector General
Mr. Rudi Krause, Krause Concepts	Muslim Education

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. McKenna expressed his thanks to the committee members for their participation and to the audience in attendance. He adjourned the meeting at 1:20 p.m.

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