

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

333 S. Beaudry Avenue, Board Room
9:30 a.m., Thursday, October 30, 2008

Board Members Present:

Tamar Galatzan, Chairperson
Yolie Flores Aguilar
Julie Korenstein

District Staff Present:

David Brewer, III, Superintendent
Omar Del Cueto, Executive Director, iDesign
School Division
Ramon Cortines, Deputy Superintendent

External Representatives Present:

Yvonne Chan, Vaughn Next Century Learning Center
Janet Davis, UTLA Representative
Michael O'Sullivan, AALA Representative
Dr. William Ouchi, UCLA, Anderson School of Management

The meeting convened at 9:35 a.m.

OPENING REMARKS

Chairperson Galatzan announced that Ms. Megan Reilly, Chief Financial Officer and Dr. Roger Rasmussen, Deputy Chief Financial Officer were absent and would therefore not be able to present the Per Pupil Funding presentation; however in their absence, Mr. Del Cueto and Mr. Cortines would discuss per pupil budgeting.

PER PUPIL FUNDING PRESENTATION

Mr. Del Cueto and Mr. Mark Shrager, iDesign School Division, discussed the draft presentation on per pupil budgeting for iDesign schools. Mr. Shrager stated that the goals of the per pupil approach are to provide schools with equitable distribution of funds, discretion over funds, and transparency. He indicated that the financial responsibilities under the per pupil budget would include (1) developing a budget under the per pupil model, (2) meeting compliance requirements for categorical programs, (3) ensuring that network partners remain informed and involved in budgeting activities, and (4) arranging for District provided services. Mr. Cortines discussed per pupil funding in relation to the regular District schools. He stated that in September 2009, there will be an opportunity to have a pilot program that would pilot an elementary, middle and high school in each of the eight districts.

Mr. Cortines, Mr. Del Cueto and Mr. Shrager responded to questions addressed by the Committee.

SPEAKERS:

The following speakers expressed their views on this item:

Mr. Paul Schrade, Robert F. Kennedy through 12 Community Task Force
Ms. Joyce Dillard
Ms. Yolanda Beckles

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Bill Ring, Parent Collaborative, expressed his views on the per pupil presentation.

Mr. Jarad Sanchez, Alliance for a Better Community, discussed experiences with the pilot school movement and stated that there were difficulties attracting qualified school operators to start and operate pilot schools.

The meeting adjourned at 11:42 a.m.

Notes by: Janet Saavedra
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