

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

1:00 p.m., Thursday, May 21, 2009

Board Members Present

Tamar Galatzan, Chairperson

Marlene Canter

Yolie Flores Aguilar

Julie Korenstein

District Staff Present

Omar Del Cueto, Executive Director

iDesign School Division

Dr. Randy Ross, Director of Educational Policy

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The meeting convened at 1:12 p.m.

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OPENING REMARKS

Chairperson Galatzan presented the first item for discussion.

PER PUPIL FUNDING PILOT PROGRAM

Mr. Matt Hill, Administrative Officer, Office of the Superintendent, discussed the Per Pupil Funding Pilot Program. He described per pupil funding as a transparent budgeting process where the money follows the student. He discussed similar models, such as the New York Fair Student Funding, Oakland Results Based Budgeting, and San Francisco, Houston, and Edmonton Weighted Student Funding programs. Mr. Hill stated that per pupil funding would foster transparency, equity, and school site empowerment and accountability. He indicated that the goals are to achieve budget transparency, equitable distribution of funds, and give greater spending discretion to the unique needs of students.

Mr. Hill concluded by stating that the per pupil funding facilitates conversations about attendance rates, small schools, encroaching programs, and central office expenses. However, the State financial crisis has eliminated discretionary choices creating challenges and the need for private fundraising.

SPEAKERS:

The following speakers expressed their views on this item:

Mr. Bill Ring, Parent

Mr. A. J. Duffy, President, UTLA

PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES WITH THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES

Mr. Christopher Espinosa, Director of Capital Projects for the City of Los Angeles, provided an overview of partnership opportunities between the District and the City of Los Angeles. He identified ongoing and future joint-use projects. Mr. Espinosa stated that the District and the City of Los Angeles could improve their collaboration by standardizing agreements, standardizing maintenance and billing, publicizing program successes, and utilizing reciprocal agreements. He identified several programs that have had success in the past, such as the Cool Schools program, programs for safe routes to schools, beautification grants and

playground partnerships. Mr. Espinosa concluded by stating that the City of Los Angeles would like to partner with the District in reviewing master plans so that they could leverage money and efforts to better align urban development projects.

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The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.
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Notes by: Janet Saavedra
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