

BSEP PLANNING & OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MINUTES
December 8, 2015

BUSD Offices –Technology Room 126
2020 Bonar Street, Berkeley, CA 94702

P&O Committee Members Present:

Victoria Hritonenko, *Pre-K*

Bridgett Bernhard, *Arts Magnet (Alt)*

Pamela Diebel, *Cragmont (Co)*

Eric van Dusen, *Cragmont (Co)*

Dawn Paxson, *Emerson/Willard*

Shauna Rabinowitz, *Jefferson*

Danielle Perez, *John Muir (co-Chair)*

Robert Collier, *LeConte (Co)*

Deborah Simon-Weisberg, *LeConte (Co)*

John Eknoian, *Oxford*

Josh Irwin, *King (Alt)*

Bruce Simon, *King (co-Chair)*

Abby Wincher, *Longfellow*

Catherine

Visitors, School Board Directors, Union Reps, and Guests:

Josh Daniels, *BUSD School Board Member*
Donald Evans, *BUSD Superintendent*
Pete Gidlund, *Visual and Performing Arts Program Supervisor*
Liz Karam, *BSEP Senior Budget Analyst*
Jay Nitschke, *Director of Technology*
Pasquale Scuderi, *Assistant Superintendent for Educational Services*
Michelle Sinclair, *Coordinator for Professional Development*
Becca Todd, *Library Coordinator*
Willie Phillips, *NAACP/Guest*

BSEP Staff:

Natasha Beery, *Director, BSEP and Community Relations*
Valerie Tay, *BSEP Program Specialist*
Linda Race, *BSEP Staff Support*

1. Call to Order, Introductions & Site Reports

At 7:15 p.m. Co-chair Danielle Perez called the meeting to order by welcoming attendees and asking them to introduce themselves. They were also asked to give brief site reports.

2. Establish the Quorum/Approve Agenda

The quorum was approved with 19 voting members present. 13 voting members are required for a quorum.

MOTION CARRIED (Staples/Huchting): To approve the agenda of the December 8, 2015 P&O Committee Meeting. **The motion was approved unanimously.**

3. Chairperson's Comments

Co-Chairs Danielle Perez and Bruce Simon

Perez stated that the previous statement was not given to the Board on November 18, 2015 because they received feedback that the statement was long, and that public comment about the incident at Berkeley

MOTION CARRIED (Glimme/Perez): To approve Huchting and Wincher as P&O representatives to the Superintendent

Suzanne McCulloch's multi-colored charts that showed the funding for the music and arts and how it filled out the District's vision of what the kids needed.

Library Program – Becca Todd

- Todd had everyone take a stretch before her presentation. She assured the committee that the funds were spent in accordance with the Measure for the Library program. The bulk of the funding was spent for staffing, which is the backbone of the library program. Todd explained the staffing and noted that some of the money was adjusted based on some of the staff taking cash in lieu of benefits. She added that there was a small accounting error for cost of TSA/Library Services that was adjusted.
- Todd explained that the library program builds a culture of reading. 250,000 books were circulated last year. Todd showed slides of author and illustrator visits to the libraries that give kids the opportunities to talk with them. This was only one of the many programs that the libraries provided the students (including streaming audiobooks, tech cyber safety, and Digitech).
- Babitt thanked Todd for providing diversity in the book selection, especially for African American books in the library. She was curious if there would ever be longer library hours and noted that would be helpful for the Wednesday short days. Todd noted that the libraries are used for a variety of purposes and that suggestion was worthy of exploration. It would mean the hiring of extra staff to keep the library open as a functioning library.
- Eknoian responded “Wow!” to Todd’s presentation. He stated that compared to LA Unified where he has friends, they say, “You have librarians?” He noted that the librarian at his school does a lot for only being paid \$25K/year. Todd stated that when she returns in January with the budget, there will be a shift in her classified position. The large classification and compensation study was stymied somewhat in negotiations although the Board and Personnel Commission have approved it. One of the key groups that will shift is the elementary classified library staff who are being recognized for their breadth of

- Nitschke stated that funds were spent in accordance with the Measure. He noted that he and Todd work closely together and collaborate

we want to go into the next measure with the same kind of program, either more funds from LCAP or BSEP

teachers/coordinators was picked up by LCAP, and BSEP money originally designated to pay this expense is available to be used in the future. The committee takes into account what funds are available, what the community wants to do, and what is the order of priority. Beery mentioned that several years ago, there was a desire to form a committee that looked at site discretionary funds. There was a desire at the time to create a spreadsheet showing all the monies available at the different sites and how they were being used, but that effort fizzled out. It doesn't mean it couldn't happen again. Lazio asked if school sites have expenditures that they feel would be candidates for other revenue sources, how do they pitch that? Beery responded that there were some things that the SGCs wanted to have picked up by the GF or LCAP. She thought there needed to be a way to gather all those ideas and decide if they should be presented through the principals or a subcommittee. She stated that this issue should be discussed again.

Co-chair Perez noted that the meeting needed to be extended by 10 minutes to cover review and approval of the P&O statement. MOTION CARRIED (Glimme/Eknoian): To extend the meeting by 10 minutes. The motion was unanimously approved.

9. SGC Elections Report

Natasha Beery, *BSEP Director*

Beery provided the following handouts:

- *Memo to Dr. Donald Evans, Ed.D., Superintendent from Natasha Beery, Director of BSEP and Community Relations and Valerie Tay, BSEP Program Specialist, dated December 9, 2015, Subject: Election, Diversity and Activity Report for School Governance Councils, Berkeley High BSEP Committee and BHS School Site Council for the 2015-2016 School Year*
- *Appendix B (Race/Ethnicity data for School Year 2015-16)*

Beery stated that the abovementioned memo and appendix are required of her office by the Board. The Board reviews the data on the racial and ethnic make-up for the SGC's and

Perez presented the revised

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