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DAC Budget Subcommittee

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Chairman Michael Reyes

Meeting Notes

March 10, 2020

6:00 p.m.

Administration Building Board Room

Members present: Chair Michael Reyes, Vice-Chair Jan Rennie, Clara Hoellerbauer, Amanda Huber, Carl Schueler, Bruce Cole, Donna Ecks, Sandra Park, Kathy Box, Trish Nixon, Karin Lindt, Colleen Pearl

Members absent: Pete Lee, Jenny Courtier, Robert Grossman, Ken Pfeil, Jason Rockwood, Bob Null

Ex-officio members present: Glenn Gustafson and Anna Monroe

Guests: Dr. Parth Melpakam, Julie Ott, Conner Sargent

The meeting began at 6:00 PM. Chairman Reyes asked the committee to begin by approving the agenda for the evening. Two members seconded the motion, and the agenda was approved.

The first item on the agenda was to have the committee members review and vote on the FY21 Proposed Budget Modifications. Chairman Reyes went through each of the five modifications one-by-one, and asked the committee to address any questions or concerns that they had. Once the committee concluded their discussion, they voted on each of the items.

The first modification was the request to restore non-instructional budgets for \$250,000. It was mentioned that maybe families should have some responsibility in paying fees for their students, although it was also understood that D11 paying for fees helps to increase equity and takes the financial burden off of families.

The second modification was the request to re-open the Longfellow building as the new Tesla campus. The committee did not express concern for this request. They also did not express concern for the third modification discussed, the request from Business Services to fund audit costs, grant development & writing, and procurement's Bonfire software.

The fourth request discussed was for choice busing. The committee expressed concern about finding enough bus drivers for additional routes. They also wanted to stress that choice busing be advertised so that parents know that this is an option.

The final modification discussed was the request for Board appointed committee ESP pay. The committee did not have any questions about this modification.

After their discussion of the modifications, they were put to a vote. The committee voted "Yea" and accepted all five modifications.

The voting results are provided in the below table:

Catalog #	Description	\$ Amount	R/N	Voting Results			Comment or Concern
				Yea	Nay	Neutral	
ALL-1	Restore Non-Instructional Budgets	250,000	R	11	1	0	It was mentioned that maybe families should have some responsibility in paying fees for their students, although it was also understood that D11 paying for fees helps to increase equity and takes the financial burden off of families.
ALL-2	Re-Open Longfellow Building as New Tesla Campus	284,168	R	12	0	0	No concern was expressed.
BS-1	Audit Costs, Grant Development & Writing, Procurement Bonfire Software	39,900	R	12	0	0	No concern was expressed.
BS-2	Choice Busing	300,000	R	12	0	0	The committee expressed concern about finding enough bus drivers for additional routes. They also wanted to stress that choice busing be advertised so that parents know that this is an option.
PSS-1	Board Appointed Committee ESP Pay	4,000	R	12	0	0	No concern was expressed.

After the Proposed Modification's discussion, the committee then addressed the programs that they have been discussing this fiscal year. Many of the program discussions are on hold until the Academic Master Plan is developed. This plan should include many of the programs and program alignment. The district is also looking to hire an administrator that will oversee many of the programs to help align them to the Master Plan.

Chairman Reyes moved to accept the meeting notes from March 3rd, 2020. Two confirmed members seconded the motion and the notes were approved. They will be posted to the DAC web page on the District 11 website as well as on the subcommittee's Office 365 page.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Next Meeting: April 12th at 6:00 p.m. in the administration building boardroom.