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DAC Budget Subcommittee

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Chairman Enid Ruiz-Mattei

Meeting Notes

October 25, 2016

6:00 p.m.

Members present: Deborah Boisselle, Lara Crowell, Jamie Cushenbery, Marilyn Eggleston, Parth Melpakam, Bob Miner, Trish Nixon, Jan Rennie, Enid Ruiz-Mattei, Carl Schueler, and Toni Seberger

Members absent: Gwen Giddens, Pete Lee, Kim Polomka, John Roebke, and Jared Welch.

Ex-officio members present: Nora Brown, Laura Hronik, Ken Wieck, and Becky Moore

Member candidates present: Parent Andrew Hug and community member Bob Null

Guest: Technology Education Facilitator Melissa Smead (attending for Gwen Giddens in her absence)

The meeting came to order at 6:00 p.m. Chairman Ruiz-Mattei welcomed all and thanked everyone for coming this evening. Ms. Cushenbery made a motion to accept the meeting notes, which was seconded by Mr. Melpakam. The meeting notes were unanimously approved.

Ms. Ruiz-Mattei's DAC update included topics the DAC is addressing. These were pencil and paper testing, school performance frameworks, and a short update regarding the upcoming mill levy override/bond ballot question. A school accountability committee (SAC) training will be held on November 10, which will cover unified school improvement plans and suicide prevention. Mr. Schueler was asked about other DAC subcommittee memberships and he stated that the SAC Training Subcommittee is well staffed but that the Membership Subcommittee is still short.

Mr. Wieck indicated that the 17-18 budget process has no significant change from the last meeting. The governor's supplemental budget should be released sometime in November. There was discussion regarding a hike in the state's obligations for Medicaid, which may adversely affect K-12 education funding.

Mr. Wieck discussed the District's fund balance handout, pointing out the adjustments requested from the October 11 meeting.

The subcommittee would like to see the capacity report when available. Probable discussion of the report will be later in the school year, perhaps January 2017. The report goes before the Board of Education tomorrow evening.

Next, the subcommittee turned to the summer enrichment series report. Concerns centered on the following:

- Transportation – is this operationally and fiscally efficient? Same concern was noted last year.
- Grade levels – the subcommittee discussed placing students in classes for the year they would be entering instead of the year they just completed to make the courses more challenging and engaging.
- Older students – need for activities geared to older children's interests, perhaps to include sports or more technology (such as coding).
- Marketing – it was noted that marketing might consider a different approach to older students who seem to think summer enrichment simply means "school" instead of the rich offerings of diverse activities provided.

On the positive side, the subcommittee was pleased with the enrollment and how engaged students in the program had been. Overall, with further improvements to the series, the group favors the program. After further study of the report, any subcommittee member may forward questions to the Budget Office for response.

Budget modifications from 2015-16 were discussed. There was a request for clarification regarding the overall technology modifications. The concern raised is regarding the determination of which phases of technology implementation should be completed first, such as updating the infrastructure first or purchase and install the equipment first. Is the process order the most cost effective? Clarification of the response to ICSS-3 providing substitutes and stipends for teachers in order to provide training in TS-Gold and inter-rater reliability was requested.

Ms. Brown spoke to the subcommittee regarding an electronic timesheet. A brief dialog regarding the request to purchase an electronic timekeeping system took place. Ms. Brown indicated that this item is to go before the Board. Ms. Eggleston also added some detail about the proposed electronic timesheet system.

Ms. Rennie spoke about the mill levy override phasing in project. There are to be two separate district committees to meet on how to phase in the mill levy override should it be voted for in November's election. The subcommittee would like an update on that process.

Another request from the subcommittee was put forth concerning review of the budget modification forms for the mid-year. The group would like to review the budget modifications going forward but would like a separate list of those requests that were rejected and will not move forward. The concept here is to know what may be requested in the future and how much it will cost. The group also wants to know the criteria for accepting or rejecting a budget modification request. And as requested in the past, the subcommittee would like to have the earliest possible look at all budget modification requests, both accepted and rejected requests.

Finally, the topics for the November meeting were determined. The elementary and middle school principals will be sharing their reports and the subcommittee will receive the mid-year budget modifications.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Next Meeting: November 15, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the District 11 board room.