

Riverside Unified School District
Educational Services Division
Academic Oversight Board Subcommittee Meeting
Friday, September 6 2019
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.
District Office
3380 14th Street, Riverside, CA 92501

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: Mrs. Kathy Allavie called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

PRESENT: Kathy Allavie, Vice President; Patricia Lock Dawson, Board Member. Also present were Lynn Carmen Day, Chief Academic Officer; Ryan Lewis, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction; Jamie Angulo, Director Instructional Services 7-12; Katarina Roy Schanz, Coordinator, Wellness & Engagement; Chris Sewell, CWA Manager; Kiersten Reno Frausto, Director, SELPA; Esther Garcia Coordinator, English Learners; Dan Rudd, CSEA President; Joe Nieto, Coordinator, Preschool Early Childhood; Susie Jagers, Instructional Services Specialist; Laura Ferreira, Instructional Services Specialist; Daniel Sosa, Director, Research Assessment & Evaluation; Jennifer De Anda, Director Instructional Services K-6; Steve Kong, Coordinator, Digital Learning; Raul Ayala, Director, Pupil Services; Carolyn Power, Staff Development Specialist; Michelle Brandin, Executive Assistant (recorder)

Public Input

There were no requests to speak to the subcommittee members.

Action/Discussion Items

1. Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Allavie moved Lock Dawson seconded to approve the minutes of the August 7, 2019 meeting, as presented.

2. Safety and Wellness

Staff presented an update to the current progress of safety initiatives being implemented at sites including expanding systems in place such as Raptor to maximize staff and student safety. An update will be presented the Board during the October 15th Board of Education Meeting. A revise has been done on District's Suicide Prevention Handbook which included input from school counselors, school psychologists, and SAP counselors to restructure handbook and risk assessments. RUSD Wellness Initiative is moving forward to have 2 of our high schools as pilots to have Wellness Centers.

3. Civic Engagement and Character Development

Subcommittee received an update regarding the work and research that has been done on increasing student engagement through Gallup where teachers would potentially incorporate the strengths of students into instruction. Suspensions were addressed and how staff is systemically reviewing data and opportunities to intervene. Staff also provided information on civic engagement and the opportunity in the near future to have a civic engagement seal on diplomas, similar to the seal of bi-literacy.

4. Science and Arts

Staff provided an update on the progress of the Art to Go program which is currently at 30 elementary schools. A partnership with the Fox Theatre and Live Nation provides students at all of our high schools to receive hands-on experiences. An update regarding the Districtwide STEM plan was shared, describing the development for a stakeholder group that focuses on community partnerships. Staff also shared information about professional development for recently implemented math curriculum for TK-Math 3, as well as updates to the Board Priority of Closing the Opportunity Gap, and supports for English Learners.

5. Homework Policy

The Committee was provided an update on the progress of developing an advisory committee with a diverse representation which also factors in grading.

6. Future Board Subcommittee Topics

It was discussed that future meeting topics would be determined as needed.

7. Schedule of Meetings

The next Academic Oversight Subcommittee Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 7, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at the RUSD District Office – 3380 14th. Street, Riverside, CA 92501.

Conclusion

Subcommittee Members Comments

Mrs. Kathy Allavie thanked everyone for attending.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:44 a.m.