

BSEP PLANNING & OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MINUTES

May 14, 2013

BUSD Offices –Technology Room 126

2020 Bonar Street, Berkeley

P&O Committee Members Present:

Amelia Archer, Berkeley High	Catherine Huchting, Malcolm X
Keira Armstrong, Washington (Co-Rep)	John Lavine, Berkeley High (Alt)
Juliet Bashore, Rosa Parks (Rep)	Chris Martin, LeConte (co-Chair)
Tim Frederick, Cragmont	Dawn Paxson, Willard
Aaron Glimme, Berkeley High	Danielle Perez, Park (co-Rep)
Larry Gordon, Berkeley High (Alt)	Shauna Rabinowitz, Jefferson
Patrick Hamill, Thousand Oaks	Bruce Simon, King
Elisabeth Hensley, King	

P&O Committee Members Absent:

Lea Baechle, Brabo, Oxford (Alt)	Rhonda Jefferson, Berkeley High	Margot Reed, Longfellow
Lee Bernstein, Arts Magnet	Melissa Kaprelian, Thous. Oaks (Alt)	Cecilie Rose, John Muir
Jennifer Braun, Ind. Study (Alt)	Catherine Lazio, Berkeley High	James Shultz, Rosa Parks (Rep)
Moshe Cohen, Park (co-Rep)	Leslie Lippard, Cragmont	Abigail Surasky, Longfellow
Shannon Cunningham, Tech	Brittini Milam, Washington (Co-Rep)	Ellen Weis, Longfellow (Alt)
Ila Deiss, LeConte (Alt)	Emily Newman, Emerson (Alt)	Greg Wiberg, Oxford
Maria Einaudi, Ind. Study	Representative, Willard	Hugo Wildmann, John Muir (co-Rep)
	Boyd Power, Emerson	

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

1. Music and Visual & Pea
1. Call to Order, Introductio

the yearly comparative reports were based on the major categories of expense that are in the accounting system. The plans tend to pull together expenditures according to program elements, which don't always align with accounting codes, so it is difficult to make multi year comparisons programmatically.

5. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

6. Subcommittee Reports

- School Site Funds

The School Site Funds subcommittee did not meet, so there was no report to be given.

7. Recommendations for BSEP Funds in FY 2013-14 (Action items):

- Public Information, Translation, BSEP Implementation, P&O Support:

Natasha Beery, BSEP Director

- Technology

Jay Nitschke, Director of Technology

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for parent workshops that could focus on making the parent/student handbook more accessible, whether in Spanish or English.

Beery answered a question regarding the 15% of Spanish speaking (students) at school sites that triggers a State mandate to provide translation services (see page 2 of the Memo and <http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/el/t3/transllangab680.asp> for Annual Notification of Translation Languages per Assembly Bill 680). Parra is funded ½ time by the General Fund and ½ time by BSEP. Beery will try to track how translation services are being used and hopes to have a report next year. She hopes to install an online system for translation services requests that will help with the tracking.

Beery moved on to the P&O committee's concern regarding planning for the next Measure, and continuing to be transparent with the public in making them aware of what BSEP does for the District. She ensured that there was money in the plan for the "improved public awareness of the impact of BSEP in the District through an updated logo and materials which clearly identify programs funded through BSEP" noted on page 5 of the Memo. Paxton told the group that she was approached by Willard's newsletter group to provide something for the end of the year on BSEP. There was a brief discussion about having a corner of the school newsletters to let parents and others know what BSEP helps to provide. Various members of the committee suggested that BSEP have a strategy for what is presented to the public ("the elevator pitch"). Brochures, mailings, continuing to have a presence at events such as the "Jazz on the Hill" Jazz Band fundraiser (May 19, 2013), as well as the Solano Stroll BSEP booth were all discussed as opportunities for helping the public become more aware of BSEP. Huchting suggested that there be a rolling strategy developed for various opportunities, such as unfurling a giant BSEP banner at the Giant's game where the middle school bands are playing, and that thousands of people will be watching. It was noted by the committee that most people might not understand the breadth of what BSEP does.

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Committee from Natasha Beery, Director of BSEP and Community Relations, dated May 14, 2013, Recommendation for Expenditures in 2013 of Funds Allocated to Public Information, Translation, and Support of the Planning and Oversight Committee from the Berkeley Public Schools Educational Excellence Act of 2006 (BSEP Resource 6854) presented at the May 7, 2013 and May 14, 2013 P&O Committee Meetings by Natasha Beery, BSEP Director, with chanf3 5

may be an opportunity to have a platform to create more technology around the district. Glimme added that during the few years another resource, besides money, will be time in a teachers day. Most of the their professional development time will be used for Common Core, especially for the English and Math teachers. Illumina~~at~~ will be helpful in the classroom to help assess the adoption of the new curriculum. Nitschke responded by commenting that they were helping the afterschool programs, with the Helene Enriquez, Berkeley LEARNS Program Supervisor, in implementing basic computer keyboarding skills and cyber safety lessons in the LEARN and other afterschool programs. Nitschke added that it does not reach every student, but they can reach a fair amount of them. When they provided this program in the afterschool programs they have found them to be successful. Moving forward next year, the afterschool programs will be good places to teach technology skills. He and his staff would be happy to attend PTA meetings to discuss technology in the fall if there is interest.

MOTION CARRIED (Paxon/Bashore): To approve the allocation of Technology Funds FY 2013-14 per the BSEP Technology (Resource 0862): Multi-Year Comparison Summary and Memo to the BSEP P&O Committee from Jay Nitschke, Director of Technology, dated May 14, 2013, Recommendation for Expenditures in 2013 of Funds Allocated to Technology from the Berkeley Public Schools Educational Excellence Act of 2006 (BSEP Resource 0862) initially presented at the April 9, 2013 P&O Committee meeting, and at this meeting by Jay Nitschke, Director of Technology, with changes to the budget as described above.

The motion was approved with a unanimous show of hands, with no objections and no abstentions.

8. P&O Committee Statement to accompany VAPA Recommendation

Perez, Paxton and Bashore volunteered to read the statement to the BUSD Board of Education at the May 22, 2013 meeting.

9. Additional Items for Discussion

There were no additional items for discussion.

10. Approval of Minutes: May 7, 2013

MOTION CARRIED (Paxson/Glimme): To approve the meeting minutes of the May 7, 2013 P&O Committee Meeting.

The motion was approved with a showing of 12 hands, with no objections and 3 abstentions

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 9:16 p.m.

Martin noted that the next meeting would be held May 28, 2013, with the June 4, 2013 meeting remaining optional at this time.

Minutes submitted by Linda Race