

Minutes of WCCUSD Community Budget Advisory Committee, October 24, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM at Adult Education Alvarado Campus, Rm.1 by Chairperson Charles Cowens. Attendees: Charles Cowens (M), Tammy Campbell (M), Erwin Reeves (M), Eduardo Martinez (M), Karen Leong Fenton, Michael Wasilchin, Charles Johnson, and Antonio Medrano. A quorum of voting members was present. Asst. Supt. of Human Resources, Rick Werlin, representing the district staff, arrived about half way through the meeting.

The agenda format was reviewed. Minutes of the September 25, 2006 meeting were reviewed and approved.

In his report Chairman Cowens said that he would attend the next school board meeting and speak at Public Comment to appeal for increased interest and participation in CBAC meetings. He suggested that the District website should post all documents given to the CBAC by Ruth Vedovelli. Discussion ensued concerning a better connection between the District website and the CBAC website to display the pertinent documents. It was mentioned that a motion was passed at a previous meeting to that effect. All agreed that the CBAC would reiterate that request to the District.

There were no formal applicants to fill committee vacancies. Mr. Wasilchin said he was interested in joining, but that he did not qualify to fill any position under the current charter. It was suggested that Charles Johnson apply for the classified employee position.

During the remainder of the meeting the group discussed formalizing a resolution at the next meeting to recommend that MRAD funds be consolidated and allocated centrally instead of the current method of distributing to the sites to determine how to use.

(Original draft version) Whereas,

1. There is a need for more transparency,
2. There is a need for memorization of decisions,
3. There is an awareness of other school needs,
4. There is a need for multi-year projects,
5. There is a need for flexibility in expenditure to meet urgent needs
6. There should be oversight with an implementation committee
7. There should be criteria for prioritizing

Be it resolved that

1. MMRAD funds should be allocated centrally.
2. MRAD funds should be spent only on district-owned facilities.
3. As part of a complete site-based budgeting system (Edmonton) that might be adopted later, MRAD reserved money could be reconsidered for allocating to the sites.
4. The distribution of MRAD funds in #1 will be reviewed in a more careful way to ensure all schools will be treated fairly.

Having run out of time, the following agenda items were tabled:

#6. Cost-cutting measures (including school consolidation) that must take place before any renewal of a parcel tax: Discuss formal resolution for final action at next meeting

#7 Community comments and questions

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It was proposed that the next meeting would also include MRAD budget and expenditure information, ADA for school year-to-date, and a finalized proposed resolution on MRAD budgeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 PM. Next month's meeting at Alvarado Center will be on November 28, 2006, at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Leong Fenton