

Agenda Items

1. **Review Agenda**

No objections

2. **Review and approve minutes**

No vote due to quorum, but no objections to minutes

3. **Report of Chair**

Ruth Vedovelli reported that the District is stating that all committees must take good notes and provide proper minutes.

Charley Cowens reported that Mike Jung and Paul Ehara were meeting with him regarding standards for district committee websites.

Charter Item: School Board to change committee charter at the January 3 school board meeting regarding filling vacancies. Charley Cowens will distribute to committee.

4. **Committee Applications**

Charles Johnson wishes to submit an application to join the committee.

The WSA requested that a administrator be a member of the committee. Ruth Vedovelli will seek a candidate.

5. **State Budget Overview**

Ruth Vedovelli reported that the Legislative Analyst's Office provided an overview of the state budget and COLA for next year.

- COLA will be 3.8% and was determined in April.
- Confidence level strong that state will fund mandated cost reimbursements.
- There is 300-400 million dollars for new programs.
- Governor wants to push school accountability; improve career/technical education; and increase reimbursement for school meals, school transportation, and special education.
- Financial status of charter schools will come under more scrutiny.
- There is declining enrollment in the state (3% loss in budget), but implies that there will be more money to go around.
- Kaye Burnside reported at last district meeting that no money has been received from the state and we probably won't see until Spring for many of the grants.
- We need to have Prop 49 conditions in place by January.

Question (Karen Fenton): Who is deciding on current year's allocations?

Answer (Ruth Vedovelli): The Chief Academic Officer and Committee are developing a comprehensive holistic program for the whole child to be introduced at the January 3, 2007 school board meeting.

Action Item: Charley will obtain plan of this program from Ruth to post on website.

Question (Karen Fenton): After school money, is this supplemental federal funding?

Answer (Ruth Vedovelli): Yes. The District is looking at comprehensive plan to after school programs for all grade levels.

6. Consolidating MRAD Resolution

District Facilities Subcommittee oversees this funding source. Committee has reviewed resolution over several meetings.

Action Item: Ruth Vedovelli will send Charley Cowens district standard format of resolutions. Charley Cowens will reformat resolution and redistribute to Budget Advisory Committee.

7. Cost Cutting Measures

Next meeting Ruth will be able to provide a better picture on how to cut. Committee needs to brainstorm and develop options. Hopefully the independent audit consultant can provide potential cost cutting measures. District collected \$9.6 million last year from parcel tax. It is projected to be only \$9.3 million this next year. What would we do if there was no parcel tax? Last year for tax is 2008-09. We need to begin discussions about the need for the parcel tax.

8. Future Meeting Topics

District sports budget. Part of the parcel tax. Need to demonstrate to public the real costs of sports. Need to discuss facilities use.

9. Community Comments

Robert Fox talked about the textbook budget versus actuals. Ruth Vedovelli discusses how textbook monies are carried over for adoptions, etc.

10. Good of the Order

Nothing for the good of the order.