



Black Parallel School Board

A G E N D A

May 4, 2019

4625 44th Street, Rm 5, Sacramento, CA 95820

Time	Description	Action	Facilitator
10:00 – 10:02 AM	Open Meeting	I	Pinkston
10:02 – 10:05	Presentation on Board Process and Swearing in.	I/C	Pinkston
10:05 – 10:10	Introductions	I	All
10:10 – 10:15	Minutes	I/D/C	Pinkston
10:15– 10:45	SCUSD Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board – Pinkston • LCAP Parent Advisory Committee – Breazell 	I/D/C	Pinkston/Breazell
10:45- 11:30	Updates on BPSB Work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zero Tolerance Youth Leadership – Breazell • Community Outreach update – Breazell/DeWitt • Parent Organizing Updates-Breazell/Ursula • Restorative Practice Collaborative– Pinkston • Policy Update -Pinkston 	I/D	
11:30 -11:59	Community Input	I	All
12:00 noon	Adjournment		All

Action: D= Discussion, I= Information, C= Consensus

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Minutes of Black Parallel School Board Monthly Meeting - 04/06/19

Date and time: 04/06/19 10:00 am to: 04/06/19 12:30 pm

Present: Bakari Chavanu, LaShanya Breazell, Carl Pinkston, Darryl White, Lailah Muwwakkill, Marian Bryson, Ursula DeWitt

Absent: Faye Wilson Kennedy, Toni Tinker

Location: BPSB Office

Projects/Tags: black parallel school board

Discussion

1. Welcome

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2. Introductions

Note: if your name is spelled incorrectly, send a note the minute taker to correct it.

Jim Peterson, Renata Peterson, Doneille Prince, Aeisha Jones, Rory Kaufman, Alberta MaLin, Lamia Coleman, LaRayrian Barnes, Jasmine Weathers, Kesi Hatten

3. Minutes

MOTION: Carl motioned to approve the minutes from the March 2 meeting. Motion seconded by Jim. Motion approved.

4. SCUSD Updates

4-1. Board — Pinkston

March 21 and April 4th Board Meetings. Approved the fiscal recovery plan. Pushing the issue that district will run out of money in Nov. They approved Resolution 733 regarding the teacher's strike.

They're paying people, with minimal credentials \$500 a day to cross picket line. LCAP Update was given. No new programs and services produced. LCAP is supposed to focus on targeted services and groups. Consideration for Language Academy and New Joseph Bonnheim Charters.

<https://www.scusd.edu/board-education-meeting/board-education-meeting-55>

April 4:

Presentation in support Assembly Bill for special education. Report for Climate Action in schools. Significant public comments about the financial conditions of the district. Discussion of restricted funds vs general funds. The district is unable to operate within the budget to supplement outside what they are giving money for.

Dave Gordon told the district years ago that the district will have a financial crisis. That money needed to be budgeted that addresses the \$30 to \$40 million shortfall. This issue has been around for a long time. There have been problems with the district not having staff with the proper skills to manage the budget and make recommendations. The board has a fiduciary responsibility for the budget, and that's been a problem. Revenue of \$121 million coming in for Special Education. They haven't talked about how they will spend the money.

The district appears to be proposing hiring an Interim CBO

4-2. LCAP Parent Advisory Committee — Brezell

Nothing new to report. Discussed hiring and training more counselors of color who from the community. No answer to when the update to the LCAP will be released.

4-3. African American Task Force — White

African American Achievement Task Force Recommendation Aligned with California Accountability Measures (See handout) Darryl was concerned that the Task force didn't listen to the BPSB. The overall impact of the task force was important to get broad input from the community. Highlights of the task force recommendations (See handout): Increase the 4-year cohort graduation rate by 3% points, from 74.1% to 76.7%. A-G course completion, increase by 4% points. Adopt and approve a curriculum that includes and reflects African American experience. Improve 3rd grade SBAC proficiency for Black or African American students in the areas of Mathematics, English Language Arts. Divest from future funding for school SRO officers.

Feedback:

Was Zero Grading discussed? Yes, it was introduced, but not in great detail. In addition to removing SROs, money should be shifted to school safety programs. The task force called for African American Task Force Advisory Committee to monitor the implementation and achievement of the goals.

Annual plan for professional development around of positive school climate and culture. The Teachers Union has been pushing that district push its own policy about what it said it was going to do around school discipline and positive climate, and the African American Priorities document.

5. Charter Schools

Public Advocates Report: "Keeping the Promise of LCFF in Charter Schools"
(<https://www.publicadvocates.org/wp-content/uploads/final-report.pdf>)

"Charter schools serve approximately 10% of California students, and receive approximately \$3.4 billion in funds through the five-year-old LCFF, including \$900 millions in funds generated by high needs students."

Public Advocates polled 43 charter schools.

10% of kids in California attend charter schools.

Only 9 of 43 charter school had plans for special and high needs students. There's a lack of transparency about addressing the needs of special ed kids. Less than half posted their LCAP online. LCAPs are being approved at one meeting.

New Charter Bills (see handout)

Governor Newsom will hold a press conference and sign a bill to require charter school to comply with similar transparency and conflicts of interest laws as traditional public schools.

AB 1505 (O'Donnell) Charter Schools

AB 1506 (McCarty): Charter Schools: Statewide Total

AB 1507 (Smith): Charter Schools

AB 1408 (Bonta) Petitions

BPSB needs to discuss what we're going to support?

Too many charter schools play employee games to keep their costs low. They are not transparent. They provide poor quality education. They are mainly after the money. Margaret Fortune Charter is one of our partners, but they probably wouldn't agree with many of the bills. BPSB is not for or against charter schools. We support schools that are closing the opportunity gap, that attend BPSB meetings and are local non-profit. We have charter school partners, though we disagree with them.

Natomas Charter has 56% white schools. There are two types of charter schools: Dependent and independent charter schools. The latter get funds by the state, Districts and private institutions but have separate board for oversight, and the former receive money from the District but their contract is overseen SCUSD district. Dependent charters include New Tech High and the Met, and independent charters include Natomas Charter, Sacramento High School. Too often smaller schools are shut down. It's a race, class question. We need to get back to neighborhood schools, smaller class sizes and schools, focused curriculum schools that kids can choose from. It's a stupid idea to fund schools with property taxes because it severely impacts poor communities.

Re: AB 1505: According to a report there are 300 bodies that can approve schools. This bill will address this problem and establish an appeals process.

School Choice affects our school enrollment. We need to address the school choice.

Decision Carl motioned to support the following legislative bill regarding Charter Schools: AB 1505 (O'Donnell, Petitions), 1506 (MaCarty, Statewide Total) and 1508 (Bonta, Petitions),

Marian seconded. Motioned approved.

Carl will follow up with a letter of support of this bills.

6. Updates on BPSB Work

6-1. Zero Tolerance Youth Leadership — Rankin/Breazell

On March 28, Legal Services of Northern California conducted a focus group on police in schools. Several Tolerance team youth and other students participated. They were led through exercises in which they discussed incidents interactions with police in their schools. The group will do presentations about police in schools at the Education Justice Forum in Fresno on April 17. Some areas are focused on MOUs. LaShanya is the new leader of Zero Tolerance Team.

Plans to recruit other schools for Zero Tolerance, to get more diversity.

Jada McClure, a member of the Tolerance team) will be speaking at education committee about SB 419, willful disruption bill. (see more here: <http://bit.ly/2Vo0y4o>) Jada used to get in the fights all the time. She suffered through a lot of punishment for those fights. She learned to have a voice, and she said she doesn't have to fight anymore. She's very outspoken, and she's able shine. SacACT drafted a letter to the superintendent and the SCUSD board about holding promised meetings concerning school safety that doesn't include SROs in school. We need a process that is tied to the LCAP. Nothing has been done so far, and the letter is about pushing to do what the board said it would do. Also need to collect data about SROs on campus, what reasons they were called to the school, and number of arrests and citations.

6-2. Community Outreach update — Breazell/Bryson

Didn't do much community outreach last month because they focus was on parents. We will be attending John Sloat parent night. Also been invited to speak at the Sac Pan America Day at Sac City college. Visited CADRE in Los Angeles and learned how they monitor PBIS implementation in their area.

Know Your Rights Training: April 13.

Great to see 5 new parents present in the meeting today.

6-3. Restorative Practice Collaborative -Pinkston

Restorative Justice Collaborative Meeting, April 24th (See handout)

Presentation by Dr. Maisha T. Winn and Dr. Lawrence (Torry) Winn

6-4. Policy Update — Pinkston

Working to address willful defiance. We've driven down the suspension rates for willful defiance statewide, but suspension for hostile environment is on the rise.

There are a series of letters about disruptive parents. We want to change the policy which keeps parents out of the schools. Legal Services of Northern California, Public Advocacy, and maybe ACLU is working on our behalf and following our lead on this policy change.

6-5. Revised Bylaws — Pinkston

Revised Bylaws (See handout):

The bylaws were created over ten years ago, and we've made changes based on new realities. Revisions made are highlighted in red. BPSB is parallel to the SCUSD board. We've instituted a swearing in process. Only people of African descent are allowed on executive council. Anyone of African descent who takes the oath can be member of the BPSB.

Executive council members are prohibited from taking compensation from SCUSD. We don't take money from SCUSD so that we can speak truth to power. Impeachment process of members of the Council for unethical behavior, failure to adhere to Council regulations, and inability to fulfill the responsibilities of the office.

Decision Carl motioned that the revised bylaws be accepted. Marian seconded the motion. Motioned approved.

7. Community Input

Lailah: Thank you for the \$95 in donations.

Jim Peterson (Principal of Burbank High): Thanks to Carl and Darryl for working with admin staff, and thanks to Marian and Ursula for volunteering and working with teachers.

Donnielle: County gets money from the mental health services, but that money is being suspended. There's a new Innovation Fund (\$13 million budget), to address mental services needs. Donnielle will find out who can apply for the funding.

Rory Kaufman (president of Bay Pac and Senior Assistant to Assembly women Marian Weber): We Bay Pac has a scholarship program, deadline in May. Support Sen. Mitchell bill to end discrimination against hairstyles worn by Black women. Women being fired because of their hair styles. Support SB 392, a bill that would restrict law enforcement officers' use of deadly force. Counter bill SB 230 does not go far enough. April 9th Public Safety Committee. Ethnic Studies bill will come up soon. We need to support for this bill also.

Nikki (Sac City Teachers Association): lots going on for teachers in Sac Unified. The union is holding the district accountable to its promises. It promised to restructure salary schedules, bring in more counselors, etc. The district has been trying to renege on what it agreed to over a year ago. They have not created a plan to address the budget crisis. Lots of expenditures that are not being covered. They have increased budgets that they can't afford. They finally came up with a plan for March. They're laying off 120 million of staff and teachers. Child development program cut. Union has spent six hours in mediation with the district. The union is holding strike on Thursday, and it's asking for parent and student support. Trying to get the district to obey the laws. Kids are not supposed to be supervised by non-credential personnel. Would appreciate the solidarity for the Union strike. The district is putting out a lot of publicity. See SacTeachers.org for more information.

Aiesha: need to point out that it's not a health care money for retired teachers that is causing the budget problems. Retired teachers are paying more for services, and they also paid into those funds. Also recognize the Day of the Rwanda Massacre.

Marian: the district is desperate for people to cross the picket line. Welcome to the 5 parents showed up today.

Kesi (parent): want to thank Marian, Ursula, Carl for supporting me and my child. I owe you my gratitude.

Loravian: special ed educator. Waldorf School. The district is taking some of my son's services from him. Thanks to BPSB for support in this issue.

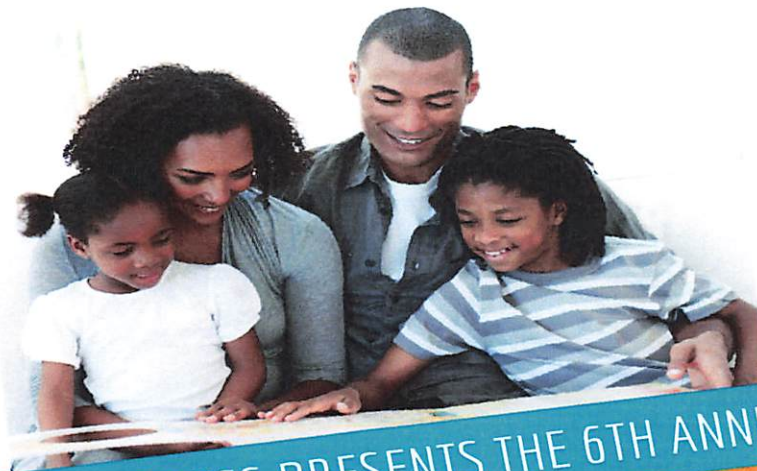
Jasmine: thanks to Carl and Marian for support for both my sons.

Carl: thanks for the love from the parents. Just want to say that we don't do this work for our ego. We're here to support you. We stand on your platform. We want to thank you for coming to the meeting.

Darryl: Marian and I met with principal at Rosa Park to support a teacher. We need to develop strategy to support teachers. Ask Jim Peterson to help with this strategy.

BPSB Scholarship: BPSB gives out two scholarship. For those who don't get approved, those applications are passed on to scholarship programs. We do a scholarship dinner, and it's great to hear scholarship winners tell their stories about their achievements.

8. Adjournment



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