

PCAC Meeting Minutes
March 8, 2010

Members in attendance: Michelle King, Cindy Paulos, Gay Havard, Bill Ring, Cathy Williams, Steve Bagby, Alexandra Navarro, Selma Hendy, Angela Hewlett-Bloch

Cindy Paulos called the meeting to order at 4:33pm. The minutes from last month's meeting were read and approved with the following corrections:

There is no quorum, but this is the only correction that was noted.

- Page 2, bottom, change the district to **the local district** has done a good job.

Updates

- Tomorrow, second budget presentation to the board by CoRtI² nes.
- We're still in the plan D arena because we still don't have shared agreement between all stakeholders.
- There are some "fine" adjustments for tomorrow:
 - a) Rescinded arts and music-it's now back to 50% funded.
 - b) Increase in middle school by 2 students (class size).
 - c) Librarian/library aids is back to schools determining them by community based budgeting,
 - d) Counselor ratio is being raised to 1,000 to 1-community based budgeting can buy back counselors.
 - e) .5 administrator for small schools (less than 300 students) and for option schools less than 125.

Where does the final decision lie in regards to community based management? This still has to be decided. It will be critical that SSC understands how the budget works.

- f) School Site Psychologists-special ed students will have it funded through general funds. Elementary will have to purchase one.
- g) Building and grounds workers will be funded by community based funding.
- h) APEIS will go from 220 to 200.
- i) AP norms will go up by 150. Each school gets a Principal and APSCS. A school will need 1,500 students for a generic AP. A school can buy one.
- j) Shorten the school year by 5 days.
- k) Furlough days are suspended until all stakeholders agree or the school year is shortened.
- l) Calendar change-start in August, end in December. Start in January, end in early June.

5,000 employees will be noticed March 15th. Permanent teachers are being noticed in elementary.

- Recommend keeping 8 local districts but with more cuts. Bill Ring shared the proposal to the board that Cortines brought forward March 4th.

At the next meeting, we will revisit budget since decisions will have been made by then in addition to a Prop 39 update.

Council of Councils Debrief

- Low turn out- Hamilton, Venice, Dorsey and Westchester were the only complexes there. Venice, Dorsey and Westchester had 1 participant each.
- Superintendent King did a district update. Local District Parent/Community Facilitators then conducted an in-service on the new report card. Learning Environments were focused on where complexes looked for commonalities. There were concerns about: what questions were asked, parents didn't receive them in enough time, interpretation of attendance info reported on the survey, accuracy in regards to the number of parents who participated in the survey.
- The complexes then revisited the 2 topics they had identified at the last meeting which they wanted to address. One topic was chosen to discuss and a plan of action was drafted.
- These ideas were to be shared with their school site SSC and the subsequent feedback brought back to the next Council of Councils meeting. The reps were to also go through the same process for the 2nd topic with their SSC.
- A concern was brought up that information is not being disseminated to schools or their feeder middle and elementary schools. Director Gay Havard provided her support to coordinate efforts between Dorsey and Audubon.
- Tentative date for the next Council of Councils meeting is April 21, 2010. Cindy will check with Hamilton to see if their campus is available.

There was a discussion about budgets, how SSC are making plans, but the budgets are coming back unapproved with revisions. There is a video SSC can watch regarding budget preparation. SSC, CEAC and ELCA have to have a special call meeting to view the video. SSC should be discussing budgets at the March meeting. April 12th (8:30-4:00) is a Central Training Session. Budgets are due the first week of May.

A concern was voiced that schools are getting their allocations this week and priorities will have already been established by schools by the time the April training video is showed.

Response to Instruction and Intervention /Discipline Foundation Policy

- How are schools handling RtI²?
- How does it parallel-instruction and behavior?
- Cohort 1 involves elementary and middle schools. Criteria for selection: desire to participate, leadership that could move the program forward
- Training is being provided to School Based Leadership Teams on how to implement the components of RtI².
- Provide "first good instruction" and then "more" based upon student needs. There are 3 tiers.
- Parent involvement will begin through CEAC, ELAC and SSC meetings. This is being developed now.
- Plans are under way to identify schools for Cohort II. (Self nominate, PI status, recommendation by Directors, and current RtI² team members)

Bill Ring shared a concern that a subset of the community is beginning to feel RtI² is a way of taking special ed funding and giving it to the general ed population.

Selma Hendy suggested that one slc in a high school may pilot RtI² in lieu of the entire high school.

Bill Ring suggested that advisory classes could assist with RtI² also. Superintendent King explained that middle schools were more receptive to advisory classes than high schools.

Race to the Top and other new Legislation

- Calif. applied for funds.
- Our application was not considered acceptable.
- We didn't make the first cut, but can re-apply in June.

Public Comments

- None

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm. The next meeting is April 12th.