

BSEP/Measure A PLANNING & OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MINUTES

March 20, 2012

Malcolm X School Library
1731 Prince St., Berkeley

P&O Committee Members Present:

Keira Armstrong, <i>Washington (Alt)</i>	Lea Baechler-Brabo, <i>Oxford (Alt)</i>	Nicole Bowen, <i>Arts Magnet</i>
Mariane Ferme, <i>Berkeley High</i>	Aaron Glimme, <i>Berkeley High</i>	Larry Gordon, <i>Berkeley High</i>
Patrick Hamill, <i>Thousand Oaks</i>	Esther Hirsh, <i>Berkeley High</i>	Diana Kuderna, <i>Berkeley High (Alt)</i>
John Lavine, <i>King</i>	Catherine Lazio, <i>Willard</i>	Chris Martin, <i>LeConte (co-Chair)</i>
Brittini Milam, <i>Washington</i>	Jay Nitschke, <i>King (Alt)</i>	Dialy Paulino, <i>Cragmont</i>
Dawn Paxson, <i>Emerson</i>	Shauna Rabinowitz, <i>Jefferson</i>	Margot Reed, <i>Longfellow</i>
Abigail Surasky, <i>Longfellow (Alt)</i>	Sara Tool, <i>John Muir</i>	Greg Wiberg, <i>Oxford</i>

P&O Committee Members Absent:

Marjorie Alvord, <i>Berkeley High (Alt)</i>	Juliet Bashore, <i>Rosa Parks</i>	Brett Cook, <i>Malcolm X</i>
Elisabeth Hensley, <i>King (co-Chair)</i>	Ruby Holder, <i>B-Tech</i>	Ardel Thomas, <i>Pre-K</i>
Evon Williams, <i>Longfellow</i>	Representative, <i>Willard</i>	Representative, <i>Independent Study</i>

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

Javetta Cleveland, <i>Deputy Superintendent, CBO</i>	Julie Holcomb, <i>BHS Parent</i>
Cathy Campbell, <i>Berkeley Federation of Teachers</i>	Paula Phillips, <i>Berkeley Council of Classified Employees</i>

BSEP Staff:

Monica Thyberg, <i>Acting BSEP Manager</i>	Mary Hurlbert, <i>Admin. Coord.</i>	Liz Karam, <i>Senior Budget Analyst</i>
Mark Coplan, <i>Public Information Officer</i>	Liz O'Connell-Gates, <i>Staff Support</i>	

1. Call to Order & Introductions
At 7:20 p.m. Co-Chair Chris Martin called the meeting to order, and invited members of the P&O to introduce themselves.
2. The quorum was established with 18 voting members present.
3. Chairs' Comments
Chris Martin, co-chair
Martin thanked everyone for attending last week's lively meeting. He said that discussions had enhanced the Committee's understanding of the Superintendent's Class Size Reduction (CSR) expenditure recommendations for 2012-13.
4. Financial Updates
Javetta Cleveland, Deputy Superintendent for Business Services
Cleveland said that the outside auditor had met with the District's internal audit committee and had reported that BUSD had good controls over its finances. The audit of the BSEP program will go to the Board at the next Board meeting. She said that the audit will be e-mailed to the P&O Committee.

The History of 6/5 school-site allocation formula

Thyberg explained that the Measure was passed based on the 6/5 formula, meaning that BHS students took six periods and teachers taught five periods. She said that in reality, at the beginning of the Measure (1986) and throughout the 90's, many students were actually taking seven or eight periods, which had resulted in huge classes at BHS. Thyberg said the first attempt to address this was a mid-nineties formula which allowed 50% of the students to take a 7th class. She said that the upshot was that the BSEP Measure of 1994 allowed for the funding of Expanded Course Offerings (ECO) (for students taking a 7th class), just as long as monies were available. In 2001 there were insufficient funds, and no ECO classes were funded from BSEP. The current BSEP Measure of 2006 contains the 6/5 formula written into the Measure, to ensure that students taking 6 periods are covered by an adequate number of teachers. Then ECO was extra to allow for students to take an extra course in science and in other classes.

Regional Occupational Program (ROP)

Thyberg explained that ROP refers to yearly contracted courses that were offered at BHS but were paid for by the county. She said that in the past, students taking ROP classes had been included when the BSEP staffing formula was run, essentially "double-staffing" those classes. The CSR recommendation would remedy that.

Funding ULSS from BSEP Program Support

Thyberg said that although initially she had had re

whether those funds might go to literary coaches, or another priority (ULSS coordination?) rather than increasing the BSEP reserve.

5. Motion to extend the meeting to 9:45 pm

Greg Wiberg/Aaron Glimme

The motion was unanimously approved.

6. Restructuring BUSD Parent Outreach services

Thyberg said the district had been conducting meetings to explore a new site-based parent