

**Riverside Unified School District
Educational Services Division**

Academic Oversight Board Subcommittee Meeting

Wednesday, March 21, 2018

2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

District Office, 3380 14th Street, Riverside, CA

Conference Room 3

CALL TO ORDER: Mrs. Kathy Allavie called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Kathy Allavie, Board Clerk; Angelov Farooq, Board Vice President

Also present were Lynn Carmen Day, Chief Academic Officer; Ryan Lewis, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction; Antonio Garcia, Assistant Superintendent, Professional Growth Systems; Daniel Sosa, Director, Strategic Initiatives and Program Development; Kiersten Frausto, Director, Instructional Services Director K-6; Jamie Angulo, Instructional Services Director K-12; Annette Raspudic, Director, English Learners, Professional Development, Instruction; Ronald Weston, Coordinator, Career Technical Education; Jorge Perez, Instructional Services Specialist; Nora Lopez (recorder)

Public Input

There were no requests to speak to the subcommittee members.

Action/Discussion Items

1. Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Allavie approved the minutes of the February 28, 2018 meeting, as presented as Mr. Angelov Farooq was not present at the February 28 meeting.

2. Arts Resolution

RUSD Staff presented information regarding their work and findings of neighboring districts in regards to the Arts Resolution. A draft of the resolution was presented for review. This resolution reinforces the commitment to Arts Learning at RUSD. The committee reviewed the resolution and it was recommended that it be brought forward to an upcoming board meeting.

3. Ethnic Studies (A-G, A Course)

Staff provided information and the recommendation on Ethnic Studies satisfying the “A” subject requirement for A-G. They have reviewed the work by other districts as well as consulted with the State on graduation requirements. World History, which is also an “A” designation would still be required for graduation, even if Ethnic Studies is also an “A”. As a result, the recommendation is to not designate Ethnic Studies as an “A”, as it currently

satisfies “G”. Model Curriculum Committee established by AB216 will be reviewing Ethnic Studies Curriculum at the State level. The number of course offerings at each site was reviewed. Dr. Farooq recommended consulting with UCR on Ethnic Studies curriculum and reviewing how the course is marketed to students to sign up for the course.

4. Equity Task Force

Committee received a presentation in regards to the progress of the Equity Task Force. Staff provided a review of outcomes and explained that the framework to transform RUSD into a leading educational organization that readily addresses the achievement and opportunity gaps for all students is in progress. The members of the steering committee and representatives were mentioned.

In addition, the Continuum of Cultural Competency chart was presented as a review. A chart displaying the steps and actions on how the process led the team to where we are today was addressed. The process consists of actions, analyzing, planning and looking at improvements to be made. Staff explained the Internal Implementation graph that displays Students, Teachers, Data: Success Indicators, and the How. Staff provided the Guiding Questions as the work is continued moving into 2018-2019 and 2019-2020.

Mrs. Allavie inquired as to how barriers are identified. RUSD staff explained that this work shows us where are we academically and it provides the opportunity to analyze data and identify the root causes for gaps. This is how the barriers are identified.

In addition, RUSD staff reviewed the Mission and Vision statement as well as the goal to engage all students and identify their needs moving forward. Staff plans to engage students as well by communicating through handouts, videos, and community outreach events.

5. Math Adoption

Staff presented information regarding the Math Materials Adoption and started off by reviewing the 12 Success Indicators. Staff then explained the process of the adoption which was made through a diverse committee of voting members which was comprised of teachers. The process consisted of several meetings: Meeting 1 – Developing The District Lens, Meeting 2 – Publisher Presentations, Meeting 3 – Consensus Activities, Meeting 4 – Consensus Continued and Planning to Pilot, Meeting 5 – Debrief and Recommendations.

Staff explained that teachers received lessons which they implemented and once that work was complete, feedback was provided by students and reviewed by staff.

Furthermore, two material options were piloted in Elementary, two in Middle, and two in High School and one was recommended for each of the grade spans.

RUSD staff plans to communicate the final decision on the materials’ adoption to families through Parent Handouts, Videos, and Community Outreach Events.

6. Project Moving Forward

Staff presented information regarding RUSD's participation with Project Moving Forward, a program that targets vocabulary along with language and literacy development. Staff noted that Dr. Farooq, Mrs. Patricia Lock Dawson, and staff visited two Moreno Valley Elementary school sites to observe the program in action and met with Dr. Navarrete on February 26, 2018.

Staff explained that this upcoming school year, RUSD will have three sites selected in collaboration with Dr. Navarrete based on the participation criteria.

7. Student Recognition

Staff provided information regarding the 2018 Celebrating Student Excellence Recognition Ceremony taking place on Tuesday, May 8, 2018, 5:00pm at Ramona High School Theater. Staff shared that they have been working with a committee to ensure that all aspects are covered and that an exceptional recognition of RUSD students is provided.

8. Success Indicators/Internal Dashboard

RUSD staff provided a review of the work that has been done over the past several months in regards to Student Learning, College & Career Readiness, and Student Wellness. It is important to note that there is an emphasis on Student Wellness as far as Attendance (ADA), Chronic Absenteeism, Suspension Rates, and Student Engagement. Mrs. Allavie inquired about how each of the areas of Student Wellness are being measured and staff explained that one of the ways is through Gallup.

Mrs. Allavie recommended that any graphics be consistent, especially when they are uploaded to the RUSD Dashboard or website. Acronyms should also not be used (or state what they mean) so that everyone understands them.

Dr. Farooq asked if there are other districts that have done this type of work. Staff stated that Long Beach created an internal dashboard.

Staff also shared a preview of the working draft timeline and a review of the process. The Success Indicator Target Development Schedule through June 26, 2018 and the Tentative Development Timelines through July 2020 were also shared.

9. TK Policy

Subcommittee members received and reviewed the recommended revisions to Transitional Kindergarten Board Policy. Staff reached these revisions to the policy by extensive work and also by looking at neighboring school district practices. These revisions will provide flexibility to expand TK in the future.

At the request of Board members, RUSD staff will provide an update in the upcoming board mail out.

10. Head Start Governance Update

Staff provided an update regarding Head Start Governance and shared information about the status of the 2018-2019 grant application process and deadlines. Once an update on the process is received, staff will provide it in a board mail out.

11. Future Board Presentations

Board Members will provide staff with recommendations and expectations for future presentation content and outcomes.

12. Schedule of Meetings

The next subcommittee meeting is scheduled for April 18, 2018 in Conference Room 3, 3380 14th Street, Riverside, CA 92501. Dr. Farooq recommended that a new date be selected as he will be unavailable. Staff will coordinate and send a notice to committee.

Conclusion

Subcommittee Members Comments

Mrs. Kathy Allavie thanked everyone for attending.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:16 p.m.