



## **MEMBERS**

Jeffrey Cooper, Vice Mayor  
Meghan Sahli-Wells, Committee Member  
Patricia Siever, Vice President - Board of Education  
Karlo Silbiger, Member – Board of Education

## **STAFF**

David LaRose, Superintendent  
John M. Nachbar, City Manager

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City Council/CCUSD Liaison Committee Meeting  
December 20, 2012 (4:00 PM – Patacchia Room)

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Cooper called the meeting to order at 4:15 PM. Member Siever was not in attendance.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chair Cooper inquired if any Requests to Speak had been filed. Secretary Cole replied none had been filed.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **CCUSD Representative on the Finance Advisory Committee**

Committee Member Siever joined the meeting at 4:16 PM.

There was a discussion of the application process, especially for the CCUSD member. It was noted that the application period ends on January 17. However, the CCUSD member could send its applicants after the January deadline, but the earlier the better.

#### **Community Advisory Panel to the Oil Panel**

There was a discussion on the need for the CCUSD to appoint a representative to the CAP as the position is currently filled by a former CCUSD Committee Member who has not attended the meetings.

City Manager Nachbar mentioned he would provide the CAP panel requirements to the CCUSD.

## **Homeless Students and Services**

Chair Cooper introduced Mr. Booker Pearson of Upward Bound House. Mr. Pearson provided some information on the homeless count. Difference between 6,000 person official count vs. 100,000 that may be truly homeless in Los Angeles County.

Mr. Pearson indicated: (1) he could provide the Federal definition of homeless child; (2) Homeless kids need to be connected with available services; (3) 60% of kids in foster kids are formerly homeless; and (4) \$60,000 per year for foster care vs. \$15,000 for the housing voucher with better outcomes. He offered to work with the CCUSD to identify as homeless youth to work together to provide services.

Committee Member Siever mentioned that perhaps they do not have a category for homeless. She also mentioned the applicability of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Committee Member Silbiger mentioned if there can be a set-up a communication line between the CCUSD and the City representatives for Homeless services (Tevis Barnes). Better training for teachers and principals to see the sign of homeless youth at the schools. Superintendent LaRose mentioned how to identify and specifically quantify how someone is homeless. Committee Member Siever mentioned how do we track how they are doing academically?

Mr. Pearson mentioned the need to increase the amount of Section 8 and other housing vouchers. Committee Member Sahli-Wells mentioned the housing summit to be held on February 8 and the need for a continuity of care.

## **Food Waste Reduction/Polystyrene Trays**

Committee Member Sahli-Wells mentioned the need to replace the polystyrene trays in the schools. Mentioned the dangers of such trays. What do we do with the waste? Reuseable trays instead. Paper trays that can be composted.

Superintendent LaRose mentioned there has been extensive study on this subject. There is a Food Tray used by Santa Monica that is being discarded. Best to find a divertable substitute. Costs are about 200% of existing tray costs. Pilot for paper trays was considered. But the pilot partner dropped out.

Chair Cooper asked how many lunches are served each day...3,200 What about reuseable trays? Is that viable? Superintendent LaRose mentioned there are no dishwashers available at the facilities.

Committee Member Silbiger asked if there would be a City partner that the City could recommend.

Committee Member Siever asked about composting. Sustainability Committees of both the CCUSD and the City could potentially work together. Environmental Programs and

Operations Manager Damian Skinner mentioned that Sony was going to zero waste and waste to energy programs. Local company proposed to do composting for the City. Perhaps can start this program by next year. Definition of compostable material and the time for degeneration of 90 days.

Committee Member Sahli-Wells mentioned we might be able to do carbon credit sales to help fund some of these projects and the applicability of AB 32. Don't want to trade one waste item for another. Parents may be able to fund purchase of industrial washers. Compost the food and wash the trays.

Committee Member Silbiger mentioned that he may need to follow-up and provide some options.

Mention that former Superintendent Jaffe had issued direction that the CCUSD would not use polystyrene trays and the parents would pay \$0.25 more per lunch for the replacement tray.

Option for use of digesters.

### **CCUSD Board Meetings in the City Council Chambers/Joint Use of Facilities**

Committee Member Silbiger mentioned that it would be great if the City Council could allow the Board to use the Chambers for both meetings each month. Committee Member Sahli-Wells mentioned she placed the item on the agenda. And that the timing issue should be easily resolved.

CCUSD meetings are the second and fourth Tuesdays. Conversation worth having. The City Council Members concurred to have the item discussed by the full City Council at an upcoming meeting.

A discussion ensued regarding the football field renovation. And that March 2013 was when it may be available.

### **School Safety**

Committee Member Sahli-Wells mentioned she had placed the item on the agenda. Superintendent LaRose mentioned he is working together with Chief of Police Don Pedersen and that the relationship between the CCUSD and the Police Department is very good. With the recent events, the District has been in contact with the PD. Discussion of community forum for existing state of safety at schools.

Chief Pedersen mentioned that Culver City is better prepared than most cities to respond to any threats here in Culver City.

Committee Member Siever mentioned the upcoming community forum. Superintendent LaRose mentioned that UPCC may be planning such an event. Perhaps on January

23. Committee Member Sahli-Wells mentioned perhaps this would be led by this group or by the City. Perhaps a joint meeting of the CCUSD and the City Council in the City Council Chambers.

Mr. Luther Henderson agreed with having a joint meeting.

City Manager Nachbar and Superintendent LaRose will work together to schedule such a forum.

### **Safe Routes to School Program**

Update from the City Staff. City Manager Nachbar mentioned that we would provide an update to the City Council and the CCUSD Board.

### **Potential Parking Revenue in Downtown**

Using the District Office as a parking lot for the valet services. Committee Member Silbiger mentioned that the DBA did not have interest in that use. Perhaps things have changed over the past two years. It may be worthwhile to open discussion again. Perhaps the Culver Hotel would want to use it individually?

Mr. Cary Anderson added his comments. Potential for money for the District. Perhaps metered parking on Irving. Mr. Henderson mentioned the need for the parents visiting the district may need to pay at such meters.

### **ADJOURN**

At 5:35 PM, the Committee adjourned to its next meeting: March 4 at 4:00 PM.