



Chandler Unified School District  
1525 W Frye Road  
Chandler, Arizona 85224

## Minutes of a Planning Meeting of the Governing Board

Office of the Board  
Maricopa County, Arizona  
September 28, 2017  
8:00 am

### Attendees:

Bob Rice, Board President; Annette Auxier, Board Vice President; Barb Mozdzen, Board Member; David Evans, Board Member; Karen McGee, Board Member; Dr. Camille Casteel, Superintendent; Joel Wirth and Lana Berry, Chief Financial Officers; Frank Fletcher, Associate Superintendent for Support Services; Sandy Cooper, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources; Dr. Craig Gilbert, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education; and Dr. Matthew Strom, Assistant Superintendent for K-12 Educational Services.

## 1. Information Items - 8:00 am

### 1.01 Current Topics of Discussion

- *CTE/STEM Initiative*  
Dr. Gilbert discussed a partnership with Grand Canyon University (GCU) along with the Mesa School District for a college prep type of campus with CTE embedded in the content. This is the Cambridge program with a standards-based content. We are looking at piloting this at AJHS and CHS beginning with the 2018-19 school year. Dr. Casteel and Dr. Gilbert met with the president of GCU to discuss this project. GCU is very interested in a presence in the East Valley.
- *ACP-Erie (7th grade)*  
Dr. Gilbert shared how ACP-Erie is growing, especially 9th graders, so it is anticipated that there will not be enough room for 7th grade next year. It has always been the plan to transition this campus to a high school and ACP-Oakland as the junior high. ACP-Oakland is also crowded, so this year 2 portables were moved to Oakland in anticipation of additional 7th graders.
- *Proposed CHS/Oakland wing*  
Frank Fletcher shared designs of an identified location to build a 2-story classroom addition with 20 classrooms to relieve space at CHS and ACP-Oakland. Both schools need additional space. It is very early in the design. Board members shared ideas of other locations to alleviate students from walking dangers; Frank Fletcher will check into the possibility of those ideas. CUSD will qualify for additional SFB funds at the secondary level.
- *Special Ed Site Update*  
Staff has continued to look for property/buildings for the Special Ed program. Joel found another commercial site on Frye Road, but after the superintendents brainstormed pros and cons, they have come full-circle back to building on the WJHS site. Sped Ed has grown from 10% to 13% of total population.

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### 1.01 Current Topics of Discussion (cont'd)

- *Culturally Responsive Classroom Curriculum for Staff*  
The District is looking at training for staff to create a culturally responsive classroom and have been searching for a curriculum/support for an initiative with all staff. Sanford foundation in partnership w/ASU has an on-line training, Sanford Inspires, that we are considering. Sandy will send a link to the board for their review.
- *Postings (Diversity Coordinator, Finance Director)*  
Dr. Casteel shared how the school counselors are on overload and need help. They cannot reasonably provide all the academic, social and emotional support that is needed. We are brainstorming various options to give support and will post for an equity/diversity coordinator. Additionally, with Joel reducing his time as he moves toward retirement, we need assistance in the business department and will be looking for a finance director.
- *Curriculum Development for Students (Mental Health)*  
The District is also looking for a curriculum for mental health to be instituted throughout the district, possibly embedding in a health class.
- *Experience Matters (proposal)*  
Dr. Strom and Lana Berry shared the partnership we are anticipating with Experience Matters, a nonprofit organization that places retirees with expertise who want to give back to the community and are willing to work part-time. CUSD is looking at this for the data project with the state.
- *Results-based funding*  
Lana Berry explained the stipulations for the money that the governor is giving to schools that performed well. CUSD has 17 schools that qualify for a total of an additional \$2.6M. Dr. Casteel discussed plans for use of funds with board members.

## 2. Adjournment

- 2.01 Adjourn the Meeting  
Meeting adjourned at 9:55 am