

COMMUNITY BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE

November 9, 2017 Meeting Minutes; 6:30 P.M.; Elevator Conference Room

Members Present: Justin Elardo, Sara Kerr, Roger Kirchner, Judah McAuley, Gabrielle Mercedes Bolivar, Alice Perry, Harmony Quiroz, and Betsy Salter.

Members Absent: Dick Cherry, Nicole Kennedy and Irina Phillips,.

Others Present: Daniel Cogan, Ryan Dutcher, Sean Helm, Pradeep Raju, staff.

I. INTRODUCTIONS (all; 5 minutes)

Ryan Dutcher is transitioning out of his contract with PPS. We have truly appreciated his expertise and support over the last year and some and wish him all the best.

II. EQUITY ALLOCATION (Daniel Cogan, Sean Helm, all; 80 minutes)

We reviewed the information regarding how schools use the equity policy FTE allocations, examining some trends in the use of licensed vs. classified staff and instructional vs. support in different grade bands.

CBRC still wants information on how these investments are being measured and evaluated. We examined class size and noted that class size tends to be lower in schools that received an equity allocation, however, we noted that this hasn't tended to change the achievement of students within those schools over time.

CBRC members are going to consider the data this discussion will continue next month. CBRC will determine next steps at that meeting.

IV. STAFFING MODEL (Ryan Dutcher, Pradeep Raju, All; 30 minutes)

Gabrielle shared her experience presenting CBRC's concerns to the Board FAO committee. The board members on the committee echoed many of the same concerns and requested additional data. Harmony met with Mei Lee prior to the Board committee meeting and shared some reasons why she feels the staffing model change is important.

The Board and District have decided to delay a decision in changing the staffing model to prioritize the enrollment balancing process, teacher contract negotiations, enable the superintendent to define and begin to direct his vision, and gather needed information to make an informed decision.

VII. NEXT MEETING (All; 5 minutes)

The next meeting is Thursday, December 7th from 6:30-8:30pm in the Mazama Conference room at BESC. Topics on the agenda will include the equity allocation and one or more of the following: special education department budget, All Hands Raised/Foundations, Administrative vs. Instructional costs (costs from last year and current vacancies); Retention/turnover within schools.