

# WCCUSD Governance Subcommittee

Alvarado Adult Education Campus

**September 25, 2019**

## **Minutes**

Approved as Amended October 22, 2019

### **I. Opening Procedures**

#### **A. Roll Call and Introductions**

Chairperson Stephanie Hernández Jarvis called the meeting to order at 6:13 PM.

**Committee Members Present:** Stephanie Hernández Jarvis, Tom Panas

**Staff Attendees:** Matthew Duffy, Superintendent; Luis Freese, Associate Superintendent

Facilities Operations; Debbie Haynie, Executive Secretary  
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Mr. Luis Freese, Associate Superintendent Facilities Operations, also supported a review by counsel.

**Public Comment:**

Anton Jungherr said he was disappointed at the recommendation from staff for bond counsel review. He asked what issues Dr. Wold found. Mr. Jungherr supported the current revision with a few additional points of clarification.

**Discussion:**

Mr. Panas said he was unhappy to hear the recommendation to now have legal counsel review. He did not see anything that caused financial impact. He also asked Superintendent Duffy about his reticence regarding CBOC legal counsel. Superintendent Duffy spoke about an understanding of when it appropriate to call an attorney, budgetary concerns and best practices in place by the wider district staff. Superintendent Duffy also spoke about internet access, no desire to make a commitment the district could not keep, and language of law regarding required document posting. Mr. Panas' discussion continued with specific sections of the policy.

Superintendent Duffy responded that this policy would the Board with differing opinions. He said he felt it would provide the Board with a legal review.

Chairperson Hernández had comments about inclusion of the reference to a website as required by Ed. Code. She also talked about the importance of transparency.

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recommendations from legal counsel.  
Ms. Hernández Jarvis seconded the motion as amended. Motion carried.

### III. Discussion Items

#### A. Student Cell Phone Policy

Superintendent Duffy began the discussion regarding student cell phone use, saying the Student/Parent Handbook had very general language looked forward discussion.

##### Public Comment:

Demetrio Gonzalez, UTR President, spoke about the lack of policy effecting learning in the classroom, and concern about liability around confiscation of phones. Previous meeting, he presented policies of other districts banning cell phone devices from classrooms. He spoke about the use of classroom tablets lessening the need for use of cell phones and offered to assist in drafting policy language.

Jacob Gran, Richmond High School teacher, spoke about technology advances influencing classrooms in negative ways with constant battle to engage students who defer to their cell phone devices. He spoke about the lack of consequences and inequity of policy applications causing frustration for both classroom teachers and students.

##### Committee Discussion:

Mr. Panas shared information about new California legislation AB 272. He said he was interested in gathering input, saying he supported the same policy for elementary, middle and high schools.

Chairperson Hernández Jarvis shared her thoughts about cyber media disruption to learning and student's cognitive separation anxiety. She supported a campaign approach to involve and engage students in proactively shifting the culture about phone usage. She also supported stakeholder input.

Superintendent Duffy said he would approach UTR and WCCAA to learn from schools experiencing success in this area. He spoke about parent opposition and supported strategizing about policy development.

Mr. Panas inquired about feasibility to target the second semester of 2020 as a time frame for implementation.

#### B. Student Uniform Policy

Superintendent Duffy provided background saying that board policy called for a mandatory uniform policy but was unevenly enforced.

##### Public Comment:

None

##### Committee Discussion:

Mr. Panas spoke about some schools attempting to enforce the policy. He would like to hear from principals and remarked about challenges faced with a dress code. He would like to broaden the conversation with other opinions.

Superintendent Duffy spoke about the policy needing revision and the difficulty for principals to enforce. He shared the idea of school spirit used to create identity, unity and pride of school. He would also like to see school identification and lanyards included in the

policy.

Chairperson Hernández agreed it important to review the policy. She remarked about a stigma for wearing certain colors and acceptable outfits for both boys and girls.

Superintendent Duffy said he would ask UTR, WCCAA and Bayside Court FTAs to organize a group to look into developing policy for the 2020 school year.

**C. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Policy**

Superintendent Duffy presented information saying that no current policy addressed diversity, equity and inclusion. He presented samples of various policies that speak to this