
SAN RAFAEL CITY SCHOOLS

MEETING MINUTES

HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING DATE: April 25, 2018

TIME: 3:45 pm

LOCATION: CSO Boardroom

MINUTES ADOPTED: May 30, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chris Simenstad, Doug Marquand, Denise Corrado, Erik Schoengart, Glenn Dennis, John Bartolome, John Coffrini, Katy Dunlap, Mayra Perez, Paul Tuohy, Patty Gessner, Rachel Kertz, Sheila Barone, Tania Morales

Ration Admin. & Counseling: Students

Doug reviewed Ratio Admin & Counseling to Student Population. Chris asked if Aeries had student population updated every day. Doug stated that it's a snapshot, but a query of student population may not reflect some student groups, i.e. SPED. Patty spoke on behalf of the parents that there are all sorts of issues at SRHS and money does not follow enrollment. Doug reminded the group that funding for staff is always being adjusted. The Principals do have decision making when it comes to staffing assignments. Katy spoke on adjustments she has made that do help with the tight budget, she has; collapsed small classes, shift class size with the increase, added bilingual aids.

Alicia asked who decides the number of students per counselor. Katy spoke about the AVID program being a tremendous help, as AVID students are getting most of their college counseling in class with a teacher. The district does not decide how many actual students per counselor that happens at the site (how students are allocated). Sites have been fortunate to have Counseling Interns as well. Glenn added that the Career Center also takes pressure off counselors. In addition, 10,000 Degrees, and Canal Alliance. The sites also have an MFT for social-emotional counseling.

Alicia mentioned that it would be a good idea for M&O to scrutinize facility planning for the eventuality, so there are no "bad surprises" that cost the district more money. Katy responded with the newly formed Athletic Task Force this year. This group is looking at all aspects. Katy mentioned they are looking at including the TLHS Baseball field in the next Bond. Rachel added that we will have two new turf fields that will need maintenance in 8-10 years. Doug informed the group that the District is also looking into raising the facility use fees due to the increased cost of the turf fields (NOTE-CDE has a formula SRCS used to determine the facility use fee).

ELD Program Budget

Mayra updated the committee on the progress that is being made with respect to the ELD programs in the HS District.

The Ed. Services Dept. is looking into what EL students look like with respect to age and level. If a student is in Middle School or 9th -10th grade they will be in good shape. The

problem is when students arrive in 11th or 12th they age out quickly without enough units to graduate.

For the older students, we have hired a case manager paid with Adult Education Grant Funding to service pathways and guide them and work closely with COM agencies to place them in classes there so they can be successful. We are also looking to redesigning the ELD courses. Doug mentioned that the Adult Ed. program is being funded back to the levels of 2007-2008 and the County has the money. This would be a great resource to place the older ELD kids that come to us. Tania reminded the group that older ELD kids that come to Madrone cannot recover credits fast enough in order to graduate.

What we need for next year is to look into:

- Curriculum
- Reading Instruction
- Implications of Schedule

Glenn is very excited about the work that has been done in the last couple weeks, SRHS will be doing things differently when scheduling students for 18-19.

Mayra reminded the committee that the ELD students and families want the same thing as our mainstream students, we need to work on what works for them, how to make school meaningful for them vs. going out into the workforce without a career.

Sunny Hills and Canal Alliance are interested in partnering with SRCS to obtain grants to establish gang prevention intervention.

Canal Alliance also is showing interest in an acculturation group-summer program.

California is also developing a career in automotive and construction (CTE) that COM can teach our HS students. We are excited to pursue these opportunities. This is an urgent issue and needs to be addressed all over Marin County.

Erik stated that the public and the state look at the Dashboard HS graduate rates, enrolling ELD student that end up dropping out does not help our rates. Mayra noted if we transfer students to our Adult Ed Program and they stay enrolled for 30 days, a future dropout would not count on the dashboard. Katy included that TLHS grad rate is not accurate. The dashboard lags in certain areas.

Board Update

Rachel reported to the committee that the Board is focusing on the LCAP and 18-19 Budget

Future agenda items

- Review MYP and General Fund

General Public Comment None

Adjournment Meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm