
FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

2018

Committee Members:

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OUR PURPOSE

- We are charged with reviewing the annual budget and interim financial reports and providing comments as needed
- We provide opinions on current fiscal strategies of the District
- We identify potential fiscal problems and refer them to the Board
- We provide this annual report
- We can serve as an ad hoc resource for study as requested by the Board

9 MEETINGS IN 2018 - GENERALLY 4TH MONDAYS

- January - Superintendent Hoffman
- February - Security and Safety
- March - Human Resources Recruitment
- April - Measure M Update
- May - GATE & Family and Community Engagement
- June - Adult Education
- September - Student Support & Health Services
- October - Student Representatives
- November - Finalize Annual Report

JAN/FEB

Superintendent Introduction:

- Superintendent Hoffman discussed the financial state of the District, how bargaining works among the 7 labor groups, and Arbinger Principles.
- We planned some strategies to make our meetings more focused on financial outcomes and discussed how we need vacant positions filled.

Safety and Security:

- Mr. Airoso presented information about the district's jurisdiction, service delivery model and staffing. He discussed plans for mass casualty trainings, department goals, priorities, and department efforts to operate on a budget.
- We recognize the main financial priorities of Safety and Security are: 1. Communication System improvement 2. Adding additional non-sworn personnel (elementary and middle schools) and 3. Addressing sworn officer costs that exceed the budget.
- We suggest a modest increase in staff and appreciate their efforts to address District safety and security within their budget.

MAR/APR

Staff Recruitment and Retention:

- Mr. Reilly presented information about recruitment and retention and their related costs. He also discussed management training and evaluation, the future teacher club, and partnering with local universities.
- We identified the following funding priorities: 1. Electronic Filing 2. Recruitment needs 3. Continued support of the Mentor Teacher program.
- We support funding electronic filing. We recommend funding for continued recruitment and mentor teacher programs with continued monitoring that the cost justifies the expense.

Measure M:

- Mr. Pierce and Ms. Bell gave a presentation on Measure M, the Citizen's Oversight Committee, Bonds, and Phase I/II planning.
- We recognized that the District appears to be keeping commitments made about the bond before it passed, and that the oversight committee appears to be doing its job.

MAY

Family and Community Engagement:

- We heard a presentation on FACE, its background and creation 3 years ago, and the work the group has done in that time. We discussed how its creation was motivated by LCAP Goal 4 about Family and Community Engagement.
- We recognize the main focuses of the department as: 1. Wellness Workshops 2. Home Visits 3. Early Family Literacy Workshops 4. Supporting School efforts to make campuses more welcoming to all families.
- The committee recognized the need for a Community Partnerships Coordinator if we want to engage the community more effectively. We questioned whether funding for the literary workshops belongs in a different budget area. We would like to see continued data based monitoring to ensure results related to this spending.

GATE:

- We heard a thorough presentation about the recent changes in the GATE program and how the sites are 'doing their best' with the small amount of funding they receive. We learned that GATE money isn't only spent on GATE students.
- We recognize the needs of GATE students and recommend that the District continue supporting GATE. We especially recommend that the District provide funds specifically for GATE students. We would like to see continued data based monitoring to ensure results related to this spending.

JUNE/SEPT

Adult Education:

- We heard a presentation regarding how Adult and Community Education works in the District.
- We identified two program priorities: 1. Para-Educator and Custodial training programs for community members wanting to start these jobs and 2. Addressing the lack of adult education facilities.
- We recommend District support of the Para-Educator and Custodial Training Programs and also recommend exploring funding for a permanent adult education facility and also exploring the use of existing school sites in the evenings.

Student Support and Health Services:

- We heard an in-depth presentation on Student Support Centers and Homeless Education. We also learned about how student health needs are treated at school and how the District uses school nurses.
- We recognize the value of PBIS and the shortage in school nurse hiring.
- We recommend continued evaluation of the PBIS program to be sure the results justify the financial impact. We also recommend continued outside the box thinking to fill gaps in nurse staffing, such as telemedicine and agency staffing.
- We especially recommend increased opportunities for educators and staff to attend suicide prevention training since the current sessions fill up quickly.

OCTOBER

- Student Representatives
- We met with students from Laguna Creek High School, Las Flores High School, Franklin High School, Florin High School and Pleasant Grove High School. They answered questions about amazing things happening at their schools, PBIS, technology and school needs.
- Students discussed many effective school programs at their individual schools and how PBIS and technology are working for them. Students said Chromebooks are working well for them, but some schools requested more Chromebooks. Students valued the PBIS programs and recognized mental health support as the greatest need at their school sites.
- We support PBIS but still encourage continued evaluation to ensure the impact justifies the financial investment. We support the continued use and cost of Chromebooks. The committee was concerned about the mental health needs of the students. We especially encourage the Board to continue addressing the mental health needs of students and recognize this as a changing but important priority.

