

SAN MARCOS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES

CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

(PROPOSITION K—APPROVED BY DISTRICT VOTERS ON NOVEMBER 2, 2010)

April 4th, 2019

5:30 p.m.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Erin Veit at 5:35 p.m.

2.0 ROLL CALL

- a. Present: Gary Gidner, Becky Sparks, Khary Knowles, Erin Veit, Michael Brock, Kevin Karpe
- b. Late Arrival: N/A
- c. Absent: Bill Steineke
- d. Staff: Mark Schiel, Suzi Boynton
- e. Guest: N/A

3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Erin Veit led the Pledge of Allegiance.

5.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

6.0 REVIEW OF BOARD REPORT FOR MAY MEETING

6.1 **Erin:** Presented the Annual Report to the COC Committee.

**Mark:** Discussed altering formatting and verifying final numbers presented; no content issues were of concern.

**Gary:** Requested updating the document to include language to present Alvin Dunn as both Alvin Dunn and La Mirada Academy.

**Kevin:** Posed four questions regarding the report.

1. Clarified pg 1. of report, "bonds are to be used to maintain excellent local schools"  
Asked if this is based on a scale.
  - a. Mark Schiel responded, this is ballot language and is non-measurable. FIT report is done annually.
2. Clarified "attract quality teachers and offset state cuts" Asked what we do to attract quality teachers.
  - a. Mark Schiel responded, that this is non-measurable based on facilities only. Determined that this was ballot language.
3. "Prevent overcrowding" What are we doing to address these issues.
  - a. Mark Schiel responded that this is also ballot language.
4. Does ballot language need to be in the annual report?
  - a. Mark Schiel responded that it helps background for voters.
5. Pg 3, "COC may also make specific recommendations..." Did the COC make any recommendations?
  - a. Becky Sparks commented on Palomar College's COC Committee being involved in decisions on detailed information. Commented that this is not the purview of SMUSD's COC.
  - b. Mark responded that the committee reviews what the District has done and provides oversight that the District has spent the money in the way they said we would.
  - c. Clarified, COC has not currently made any recommendations

**Mark:** Discussed Annual Tax Payers Association Report and how district received current score. Prior to last year, description of projects are embedded in presentations. Now it must be on the

face on website and not the documents on the website. Asked for input on how to improve website in order to meet scorecard requirements of Tax Payers Association. Noted that we did have the information required, just not in the format requested.

**Erin:** Commented that the committee could review the website to give feedback at the next meeting.

**Becky:** Commented that the website needs improvement.

**Mark:** Acknowledged that the website needs improvement, and that we will take feedback on improvements that we can work on. Reviewed other school's reports. Discussed needing to replace Bill Steineke so position can be filled; he has been unreachable.

**Khary:** Khary mentioned adding certification from the Tax Payers Association for presentation to the Board.

8.0 COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

COC Members offered thanks for the report.

9.0 STAFF TASKS

Attached

10.0 NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the Citizens' Oversight Committee will be a site walk of La Mirada Academy and LaCosta Meadows Elementary to be scheduled in either August or September of 2019. The next regular meeting of the Citizens' Oversight Committee Meeting will be held in February of 2020.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

Erin Veit adjourned the meeting at 6:07 p.m.

Date Minutes of April 4, 2019 Adopted: February 24, 2020

Signature of Assistant Superintendent  
Business Services 

STAFF TASKS FOR April 4, 2019

- Mark: Confirm final numbers on the report and finalize formatting for report to be presented to the Board. Also Mark will reach out to legal counsel on how to replace Bill Steineke.
- Suzi: Send out Doodle Poll to establish meeting date for site walks in the Fall 2019