

Budget Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
Long Beach Unified School District

Date: May 28, 2009

Time and Location: Admin Building Rm. 143, 9:00 am

Committee Members in Attendance:

- Laurie Angel
- Joe Boyd
- Suzanne Caverly
- Peter Davis
- Michael Day
- Karen Foote
- Susan Ginder
- Jean Houck
- Davina Keiser
- Graciela Lopez
- Alex Macias
- Jodie Storey
- Mark Taylor
- Kim Weber

Absent Committee Members:

- Brad Angell
- Byron Bolton
- Gilbert Bonilla
- Diana Craighead
- Gonzalo Moraga
- Rosalind Morgan
- Judith Pineda
- Robert Williams

Committee Staff Members in Attendance:

- Chris Dominguez
- Kristi Kahl
- Betty Ng
- Kim Stallings

Absent Committee Staff Members:

- Missy Sykes

Others Present: Sophia Griffieth, Principal Apprentice

Proceedings:

Review Meeting Minutes:

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Agenda Item: Welcome/ Budget Update

Chris Steinhauser reminded the group of the purpose of the committee and thanked members for their work. Kim Stallings discussed the state budget (Retail sales are down 18%, less income tax. Currently, there is a \$25-25 billion shortfall). Stallings told the group that the district anticipates a \$40 million cut for LBUSD, for the upcoming year. In addition, Stalling informed the group of the fact that eighty-five percent of the district's funds go towards salaries and benefits.

Next Steps: N/A

Person Responsible: N/A

Agenda Item: Categorical Flexibility

Chris Steinhauser explained that many state mandated programs, with associated funds, were cut 20% by the state. However, the district was given the flexibility to “sweep” those funds and use them in different ways. This work caused the district to determine how they could best use these funds. Currently, the district is still pushing for total flexibility.

Chris Dominguez talked about the importance of maintaining compliance while instituting flexibility, which requires the district to be creative. In addition, she noted that some of these “sweeps” will take funds from schools, which is difficult on sites. Lastly, she emphasized the importance of supporting the core mission.

Discussion:

How does the nature of this crisis impact this committee’s work? Chris explained that the committee could discuss things other than cuts (e.g. creative ways to save and/or bring in funds).

Next Steps: N/A

Person Responsible: N/A

Agenda Item: Budget Principles

Kim Stallings led a discussion regarding budget principles. Example: The budget should occur without encroachment on the general fund. The group provided several examples for discussion, which will be revisited in the fall.

Next Steps: Revisit in the fall

*Person Responsible:
Facilitator*

Agenda Item: Revenue Generation

Discussion:

Kim led a discussion regarding revenue generation at school sites. The group discussed methods of generating revenue. In addition, the group discussed parcel taxes and the difference between cost savings and revenue generation. Furthermore, the group created an interim recommendation to explore the possibility of a parcel tax and an MRAD to be placed on the earliest ballot. This interim recommendation will be submitted to the superintendent. The group decided to revisit the topic of revenue generation in the fall.

Next Steps: Revisit in the fall

*Person Responsible:
Committee*

Agenda Item: Next Steps

The committee determined agenda items for September's meeting and made suggestions for future meetings and deadlines.

September's Agenda

- Status of Budget
- Budget Principles
- Revisions to Priorities
- Determine Timeline/Targets
- Reminder of Mission/Committee's Purpose

Future Agendas

Recommended Priorities by October

Next Steps:

Person Responsible:

Other Business: N/A

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 am

· Minutes submitted by Kristi Kahl and Sophia Griffith

Committee Member Actions Needed: N/A