

Black Oak Mine Unified School District

Minutes

Board Study Session



Special Meeting

680 Cave Valley Road, Cool, CA 95614

Tuesday, February 26, 2019

05:00 PM

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Details

Board Members: Joe Scroggins
Ronnie Ebitson
Bill Drescher
Jeff Burch
Darcy Knight

Other Attendees: Jeremy Meyers

1. 5:00 pm - Call To Order

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance

1.2 ACTION: Adoption of the Agenda

Motion: Adopt the agenda

Motion By: Darcy Knight

Second By: Jeff Burch

Yeas: Joe Scroggins, Bill Drescher, Jeff Burch, Darcy Knight

Absent: Ronnie Ebitson

Results: Motion Passed

2. COMMUNICATIONS

2.1 Public Comment

Discussion:

No public comments

3. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

3.1 Full Day TK-3

Discussion:

Currently, grades TK-3 are released earlier than grades 4-6. The district is looking at moving TK-3 to a full day schedule. The extra hour per day of instruction will provide four and a half weeks of additional instruction for the year. The district would like this to start in the 2020-21 school year. The Board of Trustees would like to bring this topic back as an agenda item at a future meeting with the following pieces of information: history on early release time for the district, educational benefits, and the financial impact or benefit. This will be further discussed at the April Board Study Session.

3.2 Field Trip Costs

Discussion:

Discussion around the cost of field trips was lead by Mark Koontz, Director of FMOT. An overview and price sheet of the cost was provided for review. The Board of Trustees would like to know transportation costs for home to school to home vs. field trips, which includes athletics. Mark Koontz and Sid Albaugh, CBO, offered information on the benefits of the District purchasing/leasing van(s) to help transport smaller groups. The Board would like to have this topic brought back to the April study session to do a deep dive into transportation costs.

3.3 Site Initiative Up-Dates

Discussion:

Wendy Westsmith, Principal of GT School of Innovation, presented a video on the project the students at GT School have done. Wildfire Prevention, was the project that the students chose to research and complete. Annie Brown and Rich Loder put the video together and submitted it for national recognition by NTN. Mrs. Westsmith reported that the NTN trainer, who was recently at GT School, was thrilled with how quickly and far GT School has come with the program. GT School should hear back about the submission piece on Monday, 3-4-2019.

Carrie Arnett provided data to the Board from the LCAP Survey. Only peices of the survey that were directly related to the LCAP and the discussion were talked about. Mrs. Arnett reported the majority of the questions were answered with satisfaction from the parent(s). She is pleased with the results and feels the positive feedback shows the improvement of the site, as direct refelction of the STEAM site initiative. She does recognize the areas that still need some work.

3.4 Grades 7 & 8 Discussion

Discussion:

Superintendent Jeremy Meyers discussed the transition of K-8 schools to Golden Sierra as a Junior Senior High School provided in an outlined rational for a two-year review. A need to evaluate the outcome to understand the effectiveness is nessesary. Discussions at the school are already taking place around the need to improve the experience of the students in grades 7 & 8 by "promoting connectivness through a stronger junior high school identity". Acknowledging the benfits of a 7-12 school, the district and school also acknowledge the need for imporvments. The potential adjustments and timeline were shared as a "(Two Year) Program Quality Review for the district to review data, research best-practices, and evaluate the effectiveness of improvements witht he ability of the board to consider more significant changes for the Fall of 2021. Further discussions around continuity of classes, access to teachers a classes, and costs took place. This topic will continue to be reviewed and discussed.

3.5 Future Study Session Dates

Discussion:

The next Board Study Session will be Tuesday, April 2, 2019 from 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM at Northside STEAM School.

4. ADJOURNMENT

4.1 Time

Discussion:

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM