

School District No. 1J, Multnomah County, Oregon
Board Retreat of November 1, 2016

INFORMAL MINUTES

A Retreat of the Board of Directors came to order at 4:09pm at the call of Chair Tom Koehler in the Mazama Conference Room of the Blanchard Education Service Center, 501 N. Dixon Street, Portland, Oregon, 97227.

There were present:

Board of Directors:

Tom Koehler, Chair
Amy Kohnstamm, Vice-Chair
Paul Anthony
Steve Buel
Julie Esparza Brown
Pam Knowles
Mike Rosen
Aliemah Bradley, Student Representative

Staff:

Bob McKean, Interim Superintendent
Antonio Lopez, Assistant Superintendent
Chris Russo, Assistant Superintendent
Harriet Adair, Assistant Superintendent
Amanda Whalen, Chief of Staff
Courtney Wilton, Interim Chief Operations
Jerry Vincent, Chief School Modernization
Sean Murray, Chief Human Resources
Lorenzo Poe, Chief Equity and Partnerships
Stephanie Harper, Interim General Counsel
Courtney Westling, Dir. Government Relations
Rosanne Powell, Board Office Manager

Guests:

Roger Kirchner
Scott Bailey
Bethany Barnes
Beth Slovic
Trever Cartwright, Facilitator

in terms of trust as all Board members would receive the information at the same time. Right now, she feels disconnected with the work of committees that she does not serve on. Director Esparza Brown concurred. Director Rosen requested that Director Knowles send her strawman to the entire Board. It was agreed that Board members would send their responses/suggestions on the strawman back to Director Knowles by Friday, November 4th. Director Knowles will then compile all responses and the strawman would be discussed at the next Board Work Session on priorities.

Mr. Cartwright stated that each Board member plays a role in Board effectiveness and asked each member if there was one thing they would like to contribute to help the Board function better and what that would be. Director Knowles: understand one's perspectives. Director Buel: spend more time explaining things. Director Kohnstamm: take more time to understand one another's passions and priorities. Director Esparza Brown: getting to know each other better.

Public Comment

Roger Kirchner stated that he has attended both Board committees and the Board operating as a whole. His observation is that a majority of Board members were present at every Committee meeting lately, so a hybrid might be worth trying.

Scott Bailey commented that the Board needs to work together respectfully and that the Education Options work really needed to be done.

ADJOURN

Chair Koehler adjourned the meeting at 8:00pm.

Submitted by:

Caren Huson-Quiniones, Board Clerk
PPS Board of Education