# Portland Public Schools CBRC 11/21/2019

### 11 November 2019 / 6:30 PM / ROOM: Mazama

# ATTENDEES

Brad Nelson, Jennifer Samuels, Jeff Lewis, Betsy Salter, Irina Phillips, Sara Kerr, Thomas Lannon, Roger Kirchner, Tastonga Davis, Judith Solomon, Christine Pitts

## AGENDA

#### Introduction

- Call to order 6:15 pm
- Approval of minutes no minutes to approve
- Overview of agenda
- Introductions
  - Student members
  - New members absent last meeting

#### **New Business**

- 1. CBRC Norms and agreements
  - Striving for formal agreements between members
  - Members worked independently for 2 minutes
  - Members tentatively agreed to list in notes. All members asked to sign the agreements before they leave.
- 2. Draft CBRC Charter
  - a. Discussion:
  - RK asked to clarify the role of CBRC in monitoring the Local Option Levy. Does the committee want the Board to formalize it as the oversight committee for the levy? Committee determined that current charter is sufficient.
  - JS this is an advisory group, not committee
  - JL how do we advise the Board? CL responded that Director Lowery will be present at future meetings to
    ensure that CBRC can share feedback with the Board. SK perhaps this is a topic for the bylaws. RK Liaison will be helpful; do not advocate for periodic reporting.
  - SK how do we move forward on bylaws? TL will bring forward some examples from which the group can work.
  - TL move that the committee approve the proposed charter. RK second. No discussion. Unanimous approval.

- JL commented that it is frustrating that the charter was created without input from the group. SK group may want to note in writing that while it approves, it would like the Board to include CBRC in the formation of future documents.
- 3. CBRC Budget Priorities
  - a. Silent review followed by partner discussion
  - b. SK clarified that this is not a final list, but rather a list of ideas that have been brainstormed. The hope is to distill this into a few focused ideas.
  - c. CP this is a big year for Oregon due to SSA. SSA accountability should be a priority for CBRC. RK provided a high level overview of SSA.
  - d. No formal action taken
- 4. Wrap-up
  - a. Staff will send Board packet information to CBRC right after it is sent to Board, when it is posted on the web. CBRC will deliberate via email regarding any potential testimony.
  - b. CBRC requested meeting invites. SK explained how to do it.
- 5. Adjourn 8:34 pm

## NOTES

**CBRC Norms brainstorming:** agenda ahead of meeting, set meeting topic for next meeting, record minutes and share them, try to attend as many meetings as possible in person, offer video conferencing for those unable to attend, start and end on time, respect time, come prepared, active listening/ listen to understand, equity of voice/ all voices heard, be present, collective ownership for staying on task, keep to mission of charter, always be working toward greater good, use name tents to signal a desire to speak, focus on following PPS RESJ lens, acknowledge where you're coming from as you enter the space, call people in not out,

- RK recommended that agenda should be out at least one day in advance; take order of name tents going up

#### **CBRC** Charter

- TL- charter not the same as bylaws; charter is set by the Board
- Draft charter handed out to members
- Proposed charter changes from tradition: extends terms to 3 years; removes relationship between staff and committee; formalizes that committee serves at the pleasure of the Board; gives the committee license to explore budget items- outside of explicit scope- at its discretion; charge updated with RESJ framework, 3-year term begins at next appointment; adds proposed protocol for new members
- SK- Board desires to make the evaluation criteria more explicit to ensure transparency and equity
- TL- clarified that the infographic would not be formally included in the charter
- CL staff will clarify some of the acronyms
- TL recommended that the charter spell out evaluation criteria

#### **CBRC Budget Priorities**

JS: how can we support and advise on a budget that reflects the engagement process, Board goals, and the strategic plan? Subset around SSA funds- more information about planning, implementation, transparency, outcomes, etc.

JL: Maintenance- a lot of money going out to CapEx, but we are not maintaining them. Equity lens very important; conversations about private money and how it funds people and programs. TL - we spent a lot of time talking about foundation last year. It is 1% of the budget but it is important from an equity perspective. CP: we need clarity around stipulations regarding budget. Staff clarified that there are still some school foundations, but they are now working with Fund for PPS.

IP: 4 priorities. 1) SSA, grant proposals with budgets. 2) equitable base of resources with supplements for those that need it; school transparency, ESSA, etc., holistic and equitable approach while remembering the district goals. 3) educator quality, recruitment, support, development, retention. 4) mental health of both students and teachers; health and wellness approaches.

TL: Briefings on key issues, SSA, Equity 2.0, special ed, early reading intervention (report out on funds allocated last year; do investments tie in to 3rd grade literacy goal?). Stay in our lane, priorities need to link to budget. Budget implements policy.

SK: TL and I will distill into central themes to facilitate dot exercise at next meeting. Recapped CBRC mission and how the review needs to look at how budget ties to Board goals.

## ACTION ITEMS

1.

## NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA

Dot exercise to clarify CBRC priorities

Review any changes to the charter, if necessary

CBRC bylaws