



INFORMAL MINUTES

A meeting of the board's Intergovernmental Task Force meeting came to order at 3:34 PM at the call of Director Rita Moore in the Willamette Conference Room at the Blanchard Education Service Center, 501 N Dixon Street, Portland, Oregon, 97227.

There were present:

Committee Members

Rita Moore – Co-Chair

Amy Kohnstamm – Co-Chair

Staff and Other Attendees

Kara Bradshaw - Executive Assistant, Board of Education

Shanice Clarke – Director of Community Engagement, Strategic Partnerships

Claire Hertz – Deputy Superintendent of Business and Operations

Aaron Presberg – Senior Program Manager, Sustainability

Courtney Westling – Director, Government Relations

Sustainability Update

Aaron Presberg provided a sustainability report. He noted that he works in facilities and that there is one other person on his team, and that they are working on interdepartmental collaboration. He stated that the resource conservation policy is very outdated, and that it has been looked at in the Climate Conservation Committee. There was discussion regarding where the information provided in the sustainability report could be found on the PPS website. Aaron noted that it is there, but that it is not easily found. The solar projects are only funded by the bond, but other that other projects are funded from other funds in addition. Ms. Westling suggested that the report be shared via Pulse, because it is not widely known that Portland Public Schools is using renewable energy. Director Moore requested a subheading under the Office of School Modernization that also shows the sustainability data. Director Kohnstamm asked if the work is being shared with strategic partnerships, noting that it's a good department to work with to get more grants for work. It was noted that the Policy Committee will get a draft proposal for the conservation policy, but it will be added to the end of the list of committee work. Director Moore requested that the draft policy be shared with Mr. Presberg so that it is ready to go by summer, when she anticipates the committee will be able to look at the policy.

Legislative Updates

Courtney Westling shared a review of recent legislative updates that have occurred in the short session, noting that much of the conversation is regarding climate and housing. She will continue to try to send a weekly update to the task force members. Ms. Westling noted that she is working with Ozzie Rose, lobbyist for the Education Service Districts (ESDs), to get a bump in Regional Programs funding, which could lead to MESD hiring an audiologist to work specifically with Special Education students, and other specialists that the district can't fund on their own. There was conversation regarding homeless students and funds available to assist students, as well as what partnerships are available to assist students. Ms. Westling noted that the gun policy is in the Rules Committee, Climate Bill 1530 (modifying statewide greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals) was voted out of the Senate, SB 1522 (which is a fix of 155) is out of the senate committee, passing unanimously, and is going to the house committee. Additionally a bill passed that will require Oregon Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC) and Oregon Department of Education (ODE) to share investigation reports, as long as not confidential, in which case the recommendation should be shared but redacted.

I-5 Update

Ms. Westling shared that there are a list of actions that were approved by the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), which included the approval of the submission of the Rose Quarter Costs to Complete Report, completing an Environmental Impact Assessment, establishing an Executive and Community Advisory Committees, and working with Portland Public Schools to address their concerns.

Courtney Westling noted that they are going to continue to work on moving forward on their plans but they know they need to have a robust outreach process. There will be one Portland Public Schools eighth grader on the community advisory committee.

Metro Initiatives

Ms. Westling share that in addition to the Transportation Coalition, Metro is holding work sessions on a homeless services bond, which is a tax on high income earners, and that would fund alcohol and drug treatment and housing services.

School Resource Officers (SRO) Update

Shanice Clarke provided an overview of the outreach that is being done with students to receive input regarding what should be included in the SRO Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA), which included focus groups at high schools and the SRO State of the Union event which was a large event where there were voice from all sides. She stated that three focus areas that came from the outreach were: SRO training being more imbedded with restorative justice and race training that is youth specific, providing mental health counselors who can foster restorative and prevention practices, and affinity groups being involved in hiring and selection. Director Kohnstamm asked about flexibility around uniforms and weapons, and Ms. Clarke said she knows that there has been discussion at Portland Police, but would need to check on it, but that it depends on whether the officer only works in a school or not. Director Moore asked if Shanice had to gage whether we have SROs or not, and she replied that it depended on who you asked, some say yes, with engagement, and others say not at all. She noted that there is an organization called Youth Engaging Police that works with police relationships, policy and training to them to work with youth. She added that the other side is that without SROs, the police response in schools looks very different. It will be important to make sure that people felt heard, part of the process, and let them know what we are working to do.

Parks Collaborative Agreement Status

Ms. Westling shared that Portland Public Schools (PPS) is meeting with Portland Parks and Recreation (PPR) weekly to work on Grant sports complex upgrades. There is a team of people from PPS and PPR that interviewed potential consultants, and they decided upon ECO NW. She added that the intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) is being worked on my both parties. Ms. Westling shared that PPS is extending their agreement with Portland City United Soccer Club (PCU) for use of Buckman for ten more years.

Getting there Together Coalition

There was conversation regarding whether PPS should sign on to support the Getting There Together Coalition or if we wait to sign on, and whether or not there was a downside to signing on. It was noted that not signing on allows for the possibility to deviate our position, as unlikely as it is. Ms. Clarke added that there are many organizations that we partner with that are signed on and that the risk of signing on it relatively low. There was split opinions regarding whether to sign on to receive the complete package so that direct lines of benefit between student and employee. Director Moore requested the packet and Ms. Clarke will look for it.

Federal Priorities

There was discussion regarding the Council for Great City Schools Federal Education Priority Issues for Congressional Office Visits. It was noted that in the past the board / committee did not vote to adopt an official federal priorities list.

Public Comment

None

Chair Rita Moore Adjourned the meeting at 4:54 pm.

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