Santa Rosa City Schools Meeting Minutes

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SPECIAL BOARD MEETING 11/09/2020 05:30 PM

Zoom 5:30 p.m. Open Session

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MISSION: SRCS ensures equitable access to a transformative educational experience grounded in the assets of our students, staff, and community. We nurture the whole student in an engaging, challenging, and safe environment. We recognize and value each student's individuality and our community's cultural wealth.

VISION: SRCS will send students into the world empowered to find purpose, think critically, embrace diversity, work together\, and adapt to our changing planet, and live healthy and fulfilling lives.

Attendees

Voting Members

Alegria De La Cruz, Clerk Laurie Fong, President Jenni Klose, Director Stephanie Manieri, Director Jill McCormick, Director Omar Medina, Director Ed Sheffield, Vice President

A. CALL TO ORDER (5:30 p.m.)

The meeting was called to order at 5:36 pm. Director Omar Lopez was present.

- **B. OPEN SESSION**
 - Pledge of Allegiance
 President Fong led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- C. DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS
 - (Discussion) Santa Rosa City Schools Ad Hoc SRO Committee Recommendations (Continued)

Steve Mizera, Assistant Superintendent, Student & Family Services and Dr. Tim McCarty, Ad Hoc Committee Facilitator continued the discussion regarding Santa Rosa City Schools Ad Hoc SRO Committee Recommendations.

- Dr. McCarty gave an overview of the SRO Program and finding.
 - The program is an interdependent partnership where the students, administration, classified staff, teachers, parents and our officers must work well together.
- The Board acknowledged the extensive effort and dedication given by the Ad Hoc SRO Committee.

- The charge to the AdHoc Committee on the SRO Program included:
 - Understand the SRO program in SRCS
 - Seek and understand people's experience on campus with SROs
 - What do schools need for safety: emotional, physical, psychological?
 - What role(s) should SROs play on our campuses and in our children's experiences?
- Discussion included these thoughts:
 - There is no current SRO program in SRCS, due to expiration of the MOU in 2019. Due to remote teaching, there is also no need for police on campus currently. There is not a provision currently to establish a new MOU.
 - A desire and intent to dialogue with SRCity and SRPD as partners to create new ways to ensure safety for youth, not only on campuses but in our community.
 - There is excitement and anticipation by the Board to renegotiate the terms of where we are starting together (with SRCity and SRPD) to address student safety. We want to create alternatives to help with safety on campuses: physical and emotional.
 - A call to SRCity and SRPD to work with SRCS using restorative justice, where the harm particularly to children/youth of color caused by the institution of law enforcement is recognized. In doing so, there is a path to work with our City and police partners to keep children and youth safe. We want to design with those most hurt in the center
 - SRCS pledges to be a leader in student safety and wants to work with our community partners to create this. This may include creating more community engagement for youth in partnership with SRCity and SRPD.
 - The Board recognizes and appreciates the deep work of the AdHoc Advisory Committee and believes that their work paved the way for the Board's discussion.
 - The Board will be conducting a follow up conversation with SRCity and SRPD to review these main ideas before this item is brought back for further discussion/action.

Public comment was given by the following individuals.

- Matthew Crosbie
- Alan Worstell
- Stefen Bussell
- Vanessa Ruiz
- Casey Thornhill
- Will Lyon
- Allegra Wilson
- Natalie Hoytt
- Remi Newman
- Lee Vande Vere
- Roy Mitchell
- Cecilia Shenajon
- Kelsev Vero
- Samantha lannarelli
- River Espinoza
- Rex Green
- Pamela Karbowski

- Colin Metcalfe
- Rafael Solano
- Lauren Kelleher
- Matt Crosbie
- Zach Ross
- Summer Braccialini
- Greg Houser
- Blaire Murphy
- Charli Kirtly
- Betsabe Aparicio
- Frances Pomerov
- Anthony Zamora
- Gabriel Albavera
- Monica Harrison
- Amy Wiese
- David Magallon
- Aaron Harkey

D. INFORMATION ITEMS

E.	ADJOURNMENT
	The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 pm.

Clerk of Board	Date