



ACSA Educational Options Council

Sacramento Convention Center

1400 J Street, Sacramento, CA

November 4, 2010 9:30 am to 3:00 pm

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: 9:30 AM by Kathleen Sutphen

PRESENT:

Kathleen Sutphen, President, Region 2	Jim Volkoff, Region 9
Lynne Murray, President Elect, Region 8	Linda Coyne, Region 10
Robin Geissler, Past President, Region 15	Margaret Wheeler, Region 12
Linda Wisher Staff Liaison, ACSA, Ontario	Barbara Boggio, Region 13
Rosylin Bessard, ACSA Board Liaison	Janie Yuguchi Gates, Region 14
Els Prigmore, Region 1	Alex Placencio, Region 16
Charlie Linebarger, Region 3	Carol Christman, Region 17
Maria Cisneros, Region 4	Marc Steffler, Region 18
Lynn Mackey, Region 6	Richard Husband, Region 19
Katie Peters, Region 7	

Meeting called to order: 9:30 am

Welcome & Introduction: Council members introduced themselves and discussed impact of budget crisis at their sites.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the April 30, 2009, meeting were approved by Council.

Sherry Skelly Griffith / ACSA Legislative Advocate – Laurie Preston appearing as alternate

Encouraged members to support/donate to Larry Aceves in his candidacy for State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Adonai Mack / ACSA Legislative Advocate: Lobbies on state budget issues, public transportation, pupil health, etc.

State budget issues:

- Additional flexibility - cut about \$20 billion in last two years – we are now down \$50 billion.
 - More flexibility means: Feb. (focus on categorical programs); July (focus on a shorter school year, no CAHSEE pass requirement for SpEd students, no textbook adoption for K-8, sale of surplus property)
- QWEIA Schools – cut general fund to \$402 billion + all the revenue limits. Reality – State now using stabilization money to pay for QWEIA, so it can continue to serve programs.
- January Budget: Will not have clear idea until LAO releases 5 year forecast. Revenues of \$1 to \$2 billion dollars below July estimates and may be closer to \$5 or \$6 billion by November. Deficit could be higher.
- Silver Lining: Maintenance of Effort issue – State has to provide a certain level of funding to public education to receive a defined level of funding. This may prevent more cuts in 10/11.

Legislation – Most bills did not get to the Governor due to the fiscal nature of things.

- AB1435: CELDT included in API – Fetoed. (ACSA sponsored)
- SB19: Data bill removing firewall for evaluation of teachers by principals with statewide use of data.
- SB680: District of choice bill. Different rules on inter-district transfers. Signed by Governor,

Elizabeth Penny / ACSA Communications

ACSA Community (Facebook for school administrators!) – Access through the ACSA website. Only for ACSA members.

- Forum Area, Blog Posts, Live Chatsm Your Page, Groups: job alike, special interest groups, etc.

Els Prigmore, Lynn Murray, & Kathleen Sutphen – *Best Practices Workshop, ACSA Leadership Summit.* Els and Lynn shared the Power point prepared for the Friday morning workshop:

- Increase the Save Rate - School Attendance Mediation – a partnership between JCCS, Probation, and district.
- SDCOE website Ed Options Best Practices. Online resources & Model school website

- Discipline & Social Intervention – Els and Lynn wrote a Leadership article “Order in the Classroom” on direct instruction of classroom behavior (Time to Teach).
- Transitional Planning - A program to get kids “smart.” Taking charge of their acquisition of needed course credits (KEYS = Knowledge Equals Your Success).
- 3 R’s – we flip flop the order to: Relationships first. Then we can get to relevance and rigor.

John Burns / CDE Ed Options Office

Retired at end of October. No longer the Director of the CDE Ed Options Office.

- Interstate Compact: Will facilitate school credits following students across state lines when parents in military.
- Jaycee Ragland – New CDE consultant of alt ed (to be trained by Dennis Fisher)
- Budget issue example: Shifted work of Model Continuation High School program to the CCEA.
- Jack O’Connell is committed to no furloughs or lay-offs. Operating budgets are cut to the bone.
- Ed Options Alliance – A necessity to advocate for alternative education schools.
- Contact Info: Email: johnburnsca@gmail.com (Phone: 916/698-1621 cell/business)

Dennis Fisher / CDE Ed Options Office, Model Continuation High School Retiring in December after 11 years at the CDE.

- *Road Trip Nation* – Four continuation high schools involved through a Hewlett- Packard Grant.
 - Look at Road Trip Nation on the Bowman Website: www.hartdistrict.org/bowman
- ACSA Leadership magazine articles: *Solving the Drop-Out Crisis* and *Come Back Kids – re-enrolling dropouts*.
- *The Model Continuation High School* Committee reviewed applications and have been making site visits.

Robin Geissler & Janie Yuguchi Gates - ACSA Assessment & Accountability Task Force

Robin and Janie have been serving on Task Force of ACSA members throughout the state (the majority are superintendents and directors). Shared draft of Guiding Principles Powerpoint to gather feedback for Task Force consideration

Council Goals 2009-2010

1. Increasing Ed Options visibility
 - Presenting at statewide and national conferences (Asilomar, ACSA, CCEA, CCIS, CAFE, CSBA, etc.)
 - Publishing articles in educational journals.
 - Contributing and encouraging articles in local newspapers.
 - Continuing to do more professional development within our Ed Options colleagues and outside of Ed Options: ACSA, CCEA, CCIS, CDS, CAFE, Spec Ed Conference in January, CSBA, Supts Org, etc.
 - ACSA Conference – resource book of best practices for use at continuation high schools and for comprehensive high school principals.
 - Comprehensive Site Visit Day: counselors, AP’s, visit continuation high school and are toured around by student docents from their high schools.
2. Legislation
 - Support legislation and increase collaboration with the Ed Options Alliance to promote Ed Options issues (i.e. creating a formula for the save rate).
3. Assessment
 - Advocate for an ASAM measurement tool that uses relevant measurement data applicable to all alternative education students.
4. ACSA Membership
 - Increase ACSA membership among new and existing nonmember administrators.
 - Partner and collaborate with like-minded professional organizations

TO DO: Invite CCEA and CCIS presidents to the next Ed Options Council meeting.

Meeting Dates: 2009-2010

- February 19, 2010
- May 7, 2010

ADJOURN: 2:00 pm

Respectfully submitted by: Janie Yuguchi Gates, ACSA Ed Options Council *Acting* Secretary

Minutes Accepted _____ as submitted _____ as amended _____ on _____