

**2x2 Committee Meeting  
Minutes**

Thursday June 28, 2018  
8:30-10:00 am  
2020 Bonar Street, Room 126

**Quorum:** 8:36 am

Mayor Arreguin, not present.  
Participants introduced themselves.

**Comments from the Public:**

No public comment

**Approval of Notes - March 2, 2018**

**Motion/Second:** Maio/Hemphill

**Vote:** Unanimous (3 votes)

**BUSD Career Technical Education (CTE) Presentation:**

Wyn Skeels presented to the committee the Berkeley High School's (BHS) CTE program. Explains that the definition of CTE is experiential learning, and classroom's look different than general education classrooms. The focus is on high skill, high wage regional employment.

The CTE pathway follows the California common core standards as well as the CA CTE model curriculum standards. There is also work-based learning opportunities for students to explore internships, apprenticeships, mentorships, etc.

Mr. Skeels shared some of the programs already available at BHS for students such as the Biotech Program, Fire Science Classes, which could not be done without the support of the COB partnership. Visit from BPD and public defenders to our classrooms; digital media, robotics, the trades, such as carpentry and stagecraft.

The presentation was followed by discussions and questions from the meeting participants, and the City Manager offered that there are early stage discussions with Bayr to make sure partnership with BHS continues.

## **Mental Health Update**

A representative from the City of Berkeley gave committee members an update on mental health services provided at Berkeley High School.

Update:

- Children's clinic director spent a year at the HS directing operations about what is and isn't working there. There was a slight reorganization of services at the HS. Previously there was a staff person at BTA half time to help BTA students. COB will consolidate the services at the BHS health center and it will serve all students at BHS, BTA and ISP.
- There was lots of trouble with staff retention at the BHS health center. Staff spent a lot of time dealing with walk-in traffic, and that wasn't satisfying for them, so they've moved on.
- Good news: This past year they had a new staff person there, he is happy and plans to stay after a successful year.
  - There will be a 2.5 FTE at the health center next year. The most they've had in a while.
  - Staff is fairly diverse, there is a bilingual Latino counselor, and African American woman counselor and a white counselor.
  - 5 interns who combined speak 4 languages.
- Overrepresentation of students of color compared to the general population and anecdotally and the numbers show that there are a significant number of students of color who don't utilize the HS health center. We are hoping that with additional staffing that the HC can do more outreach to the school and do more preventative services, not just crisis and follow up services.
- Last year, with one staff and intern and a half-time person at BTA they assessed 241 students at the BHS Health Center and 25 at BTA, and 256 students at counseling and 141 attended - they are having a big impact on students.
- The COB had allocated slightly under \$50k to BUSD, there is now a contract in place.

Pat Saddler, BUSD's Director of Program and Special Projects gave an update on the approved LCAP Plan. The BUSD Board approved the LCAP plan for a .5 coordinator for behavioral health services for Berkeley High School, that person will coordinate the MEET program. They will also work with two staff that was trained in the summer one from Berkeley High School's On Campus Intervention, and another intervention counselor and together they will train staff on the best approaches on two things 1) reduction of stigma of student mental health and 2) trauma informed practices. They will also work with parents as part of the MEET model.

Following the update presentation from the COB and BUSD committee members and attendees held a discussion about what was presented.

### **Update on BUSD and COB discussions on MOU for joint property**

Scott Ferris and Lew Jones offered the committee an update on a number of agreements between the COB and the BUSD. There are two major of components 1) Measure Y and 2) Pools.

- There are 7 measure Y parts which the city maintains two of them, King and the Thousand Oaks are maintained by the COB, the others are maintained by BUSD.
- Measure Y was agreed between COB and BUSD in the 70s. The idea was that the City does not have a lot of public land, so this would provide an opportunity to provide the public access when schools are not in session. There is a rolling agreement is about to expire. This would mean that starting in 2020 the COB would no longer be responsible for maintaining pools, and BUSD would have no responsibility to open those to the public.
- Once the agreement ends in 2020, it cannot be extended. We have 3 options: 1) COB and BUSD could have the agreements expire 2) there could be an agreement to extend for a short period of time, it cannot be amended. 3) draft a new agreement for a long period of time.
- The BUSD Facilities subcommittee has requested a list of all properties used by BUSD

The committee suggested creating a sub-committee to be created to work on this item.

- City Manager suggested having COB and BUSD give the committee an update at every 2x2 Committee meeting.

### **BUSD Employee Housing/City Affordable Housing Bond Update**

City Manager gives and update to the committee about BUSD employee housing and COB affordable housing bond. The City Manager, City Clerk and City attorney have been working on increasing the general and transfer tax from 1.5% to 2.5% on properties in Berkeley that sell for over \$1million. The intent behind the tax is to support homeless shelters, rent subsidies, etc.

Affordable housing measure is broad, and is not limited.

Councilmember Maio says is no secret that COB has a homeless crisis, and they are hoping to do rapid rehousing. The City has been talking about RV parks and are

hoping to make a dent with both bonds. It is key that COB partners with neighboring cities because the boundaries are fluid and people move in and out.

BUSD Board Director Hemphill discussed the significant increase in homeless families at BUSD, and pointed that the public discourse is less about homeless families, and more about encampments, some who are transients. The majority of our BUSD homeless students became homeless in Berkeley, and are facing major barriers that cause trauma because of housing insecurity. The BUSD families who are homeless are not necessarily living in their cars, they are often allowed to stay with family or friends, so they tend to be more invisible to the City, but we seen them. How is that being addressed?

Councilmember Maio talked about programs for retention and housing to help people in crisis or facing addiction. Mutually the COB and BUSD have to figure out how to address those families, together COB and BUSD have to figure out how to be creative to spend local money to serve local families.

Committee discussed other alternative to housing, such as communal housing to help people out of homelessness, etc.

Board President Daniels moved the conversation to the housing bond. The City Manager said the confidence level on a 135 is in the mid to high 60s.

There was an update on workforce housing, there was a meeting that happened between partners from the City, BUSD. The meeting was brought together by McGee Farms. They proposed workforce housing in Berkeley and they brought people who respond to the RFP in San Francisco. The City of San Francisco worked together with the San Francisco Unified School District to create a new model of financing, but their example doesn't rely on COPs. The City heralds in and helps them find the expertise and helps to issue the RFP find the right developer for the project, then the school district and the developer work together to lease the land from the school district, the school district doesn't have to manage the land because the developer is usually a non-profit developer and manages the property. COB is meeting with the developers, the school district and unions on each side and together will head to SF to talk with them about their models. A combination of resources (City, County, District) would come together to make workforce housing work.

The workforce housing team is also looking at alternative housing models, such as co-living facilities, etc. Money is needed to be able to do any of these models.

Adjournment 10:11am