

The **January 23, 2023** regular meeting of the Local School Council Advisory Board was called to order by the chairperson Gray at 6:08 p.m. via Zoom. A quorum was present.

Members in attendance were: Michael E. Brunson, Thomas Gray, Vincente Sanchez, Theodria Constanopolis, Sergio Ramirez, Keisha Kidan, Froylan Jimenez, Israel Flores (joined at 6:15)

Members not in attendance were: Ebonie Davis

Approval of the Agenda: Michael Brunson amended an original motion by Chairperson Gray to include FOIA/OMA update. Brunson seconded the amended motion. All in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

Approval of the minutes of the December 19, 2022 meeting. Chairperson Gray moved; Theodria Constanopolis seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Presentations were given by the following:

Liam Bird and Rachel Pernell, Office of Equity, Naming or Renaming of Schools Policy.

- Policy striving to increase diversity in names, mascots, etc. and to support diversity, anti-racism, anti-bias, etc. Example is Tubman Elementary (formerly Agassiz (a eugenicist)) Office of Equity found 70 schools named after racist colonizers or those who have engaged in racist practices.
- Naming or renaming request form to begin the process.
- Office of Equity talked to 3K people. Schools named after oppressive leaders should be renamed
- Policy is currently set for April 2023 Board of Education vote of approval.
- Brunson asked, what about British Imperialists? Example is Rudyard Kipling. He is in the “egregious person” category.
- Brunson asked, does the staff have to re-apply for jobs when school is renamed? That is not reflected in the current draft policy.
- Froylan commented that this is a delicate and complicated process and advocated that decision-makers take into consideration the time period in which the person lived and that decision-makers take into account both the positive and negative contributions of each of these historical leaders.
- Naming/Renaming Advisory Committee is to be established in April, and a member of the LSCAB may be asked to participate in that group.
- The policy puts the decision-making power in the communities that are affected by this.
- You do not have to name your school after a person. Community members can advocate for a particular name.
- The vast majority of schools are named after white men, so there is a lack of diversity and inclusion across all of the names.

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- Training continues. This week’s training on budget. They are available on-line as well.
- Allow two weeks for issuance of training certificates.
- Dashboard is being modified to reflect completed trainings.

- Students serve a one-year term. The nomination period opened today and runs through Feb. 3rd. Election period 2/6-2/10. The term runs from July 3rd through June 30, 2024.
- LSCAB extended nomination period, extended for another week. You must be a current LSC member to be on this Board.

[stopped taking minutes at 6:55 PM]

Public Participation.

Old Business.

- Safety and Security Business.

New Business:

Selection of New Secretary:

FOIA/OMA Update, Michael Brunson

The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m. by motion made by Thomas Gray and seconded by Michael Brunson.

Next meeting will be held on February 13, 2023

These minutes were approved on February 13, 2023