



Mill Levy Override Oversight Committee

MEETING NOTES

May 21, 2019

6:00-7:30 p.m.

Administration Building Boardroom

Members present: Deirdre Aden-Smith, Cynthia Bernard, Kenneth Davis, Jacqueline Dowds-Bennett, Stacey Fisher, Joseph Ford, Erin Hobson, Ed Plute, Jay Smith, Vickie Tonkins, Debbie Williams, Daniel Yaciuk

Members absent: Dana Barton, Jerry Carney, Jason Clemens, Jesse Kruckeberg, Chip MacEnulty, Jim Mahoney, Bob Miner, Jane Morgan, Karen Petersilie

Guests: Janeen Demi-Smith, Julie Ott, Jan Rennie

Ex-Officio members present: Glenn Gustafson and Amber Hickman

Preliminary Items:

1. Welcome and Introductions

Dr. Plute welcomed all and opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda

The committee reviewed this evenings' agenda, and there was a motion to move Plan Amendment 2000 MLO PIP 14 from non-action to action, after such the agenda was unanimously approved.

3. Presentation: 2000 MLO: PIP 20 Align Assessments (CMAS)

Dr. Demi-Smith provided the committee with a handout, which outlined the PIPs key performance indicators and the dashboard for fiscal year 18/19. Dr. Demi-Smith's presentation included specifics on times of the year that testing is provided to students, how the results of these tests are used to help teachers prepare their students for the upcoming standardized tests, testing participation trends, quarterly testing results and how they are used to help teachers track student progress. Dr. Demi-Smiths presentation was followed with questions which included, quarterly test results driving instruction, if we're seeing any parent push back, the optional fourth quarter test, the costs associated with the testing software, accuracy of tests, duration of testing software purchase agreement, if we're

seeing testing software increase over time, specifics on access to test scores if students switch schools within the district, and testing feedback received from schools and staff.

4. Approval of the Meeting Notes

Dr. Plute called for a motion to approve the meeting notes from April 16th, and the minutes were unanimously approved with no changes.

5. Monthly Financial Statement Update

Mr. Gustafson reviewed the MLO financial statement for April 2019. His explanation included that were starting to see the tax monies roll in, as April has been a good month but we will really start to see the bigger amounts roll-in in May and June.

Action:

6. Plan Amendment 2000 MLO PIP 14

Mr. Gustafson explained the specifics on why this plan amendment is needed, his explanation included; the legislature is funding full day kindergarten for all of Colorado starting next year, so the 2000 MLO PIP 14 that once funded full day kindergarten across the district will no longer be needed. This change will free up roughly 2.4 million dollars of Mill Levy monies that can be allocated elsewhere. The Governor's bill will also change the mechanism on how the state calculates FTEs for kindergarteners. With declining enrollment and averaging, the state has agreed to go back for the last 5 years and adjust our kindergarten FTEs to make sure that we get fair and accurate representation for the kindergarten population that we have had and for those whom currently attend full day kindergarten. Between the Governor's bill and the FTE adjustment, we are expecting roughly 3 million dollars to fund the kindergarten program independently from the Mill Levy Override on a yearly basis. Of the 2.4 million, this plan amendment is asking to reallocate 750,000 to the 2000 MLO 2B class size reduction PIP. This money would be used to fund 10 teachers with the intention of filling anticipated class room enrollment hot spots. The remainder of the MLO funds equaling to roughly 1.6 million dollars will remain in the Mill Levy Fund until another plan amendment is drafted, to reallocate these funds into a different MLO PIP. The first part of the plan amendment to reallocate FDK monies will go before the school board as an action item on May 29th. Mr. Gustafson's explanation was followed with a questions which included where the 10 teachers will be placed, how these 10 teachers will offset the staffing reductions, how the staffing reduction individuals will be notified, how and why combo classes are assembled, if the staffing reduction individuals will have a chance to apply for the 10 added MLO teachers, and the specifics on staying competitive with other school districts and charter schools in this area. The committee made a motion to vote on the plan amendment, and committee unanimously approved the plan amendment with no opposition.

Non-Action Items:

7. Presentation: 2000 MLO: PIP 23 Performance Review

Mr. Gustafson reviewed the PIP and the PCG team's progress on the current MLO external audit. His presentation included topics on the original intent to this PIP being external

validation. With the current audit progress, the PCG team is hopeful to have a draft report prepared by the beginning of August. Mr. Gustafson's presentation was followed with questions which included, who the PCG team will report to once the audit is finished, to what extent the MLOOC will be involved in the final draft review, the PIP continually coming in under budget, and possibility of reallocating unused monies in the fall.

8. Review Requested Supporting Documents

Dr. Plute reviewed the MLO staffing FTE document that he created. He explained the intent of this document was to examine if the MLO FTEs remain intact considering the staffing cuts occurring in the general fund. Dr. Plute's document showed a gradual decline in staffing FTE as student enrollment numbers have dropped. His document has shown that as enrollment has declined, the MLO staffing FTEs has remained unchanged.

9. Update: PCG Team Bi/Triennial Audit

Mr. Gustafson's update for this agenda items occurred in #7.

10. Update: Districts Strategic Plan

Mr. Gustafson updated the committee on the progress of the districts strategic plan. Mr. Gustafson's update included, reviewing the strategic plan end results document. This document outlined three strategies with numerous end results per strategy. Mr. Gustafson explained that the strategic plan will go before the Board of Education on May 29th. Mr. Gustafson's update was followed with discussions which included, how the plan will be rolled out, developing mechanisms to ensure livelihood over time, developing an equity policy, costs associated with launching the new plan, sustainability, aspects of charter schools that are appealing, and marketing.

Future Agenda Items

2017 KPIs, FY 20 meetings

Adjournment:

Dr. Plute adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Future Meetings:

Tuesday, June 18th, 2019 in the Administration Building's Boardroom 6:00 p.m.

No Meeting in July