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MINUTES

CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
ATTENDANCE ZONE ADVISORY COMMISSION
EDWARD A. GREER EDUCATION CENTER, BOARD ROOM
2832 E. FLAMINGO ROAD, LAS VEGAS, NV 89121

March 10, 2020

10:37 a.m.

Roll Call:

Members Present

Albert Delgado
Dave Flatt
Diane Kinsel (arrived at 11:16 a.m.)
Justin Hepworth
Becky Nielsen
Matthew Tramp
Colleen Wilson-Pappa
Rachel Wren

Members Absent

David Gomez
Mallory Levins
Lois Mack
John Mismas

Rick Baldwin, Director II
Tracy Murphy, Coordinator IV
Steve Burda, GIS Coordinator III

FLAG SALUTE.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA.

Motion to adopt agenda dated March 10, 2020.

Motion: Dave Flatt Second: Justin Hepworth Vote: Unanimous
David Gomez, Diane Kinsel, Mallory Levins, Lois Mack, and John Mismas were not present to vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS.

None.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES.

Approval of the public input minutes for January 13, January 14, January 15, and January 16, 2020 and the regular AZAC meeting minutes for January 21, 2020.

Motion: Dave Flatt Second: Colleen Wilson-Pappa Vote: Unanimous
David Gomez, Diane Kinsel, Mallory Levins, Lois Mack, and John Mismas were not present to vote.

APPROVED ZONING FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

Rick Baldwin stated that the Board of School Trustees had approved all AZAC's recommendations and staff's recommendations for the 2020-2021 school year on March 2, 2020.

Rick Baldwin explained staff's recommendations for a series of elementary magnet schools. He said that currently elementary magnet programs have a Kindergarten attendance boundary, but with the change in The Focus: 2024 Plan, would now incorporate Kindergarten magnet into each elementary magnet school. The recommendation dissolved the Kindergarten attendance boundary at elementary magnet schools and reassigned it to all the 1st through 5th grade elementary magnet schools. Rick stated that this really has very minimal impact. Students will be required to apply for the Kindergarten magnet programs.

Rick Baldwin apologized to AZAC and explained staff's recommendation to reassign students residing in Primm, Nevada attending Goodsprings Elementary Schools. He said the students from Primm, Nevada had been attending Goodsprings Elementary School for many years; however, this school year they had more than doubled in size and Goodsprings Elementary School could not handle the situation. Staff could not delay this and could not wait to go through the AZAC process next zoning season.

Rick Baldwin stated that after the Board of School Trustees votes on zoning recommendations there is a lot of work that no one ever sees. He said that Steve Burda and the rest of the team put in place the assignment file for Infinite Campus for the next school year. He informed AZAC that next month Infinite Campus has a new process to make sure students roll over to the proper school for the next school year. Rick stated that all the students that have been Grandfathered for the middle school have been coded so they will be retained at the same school for the next school year.

Colleen Wilson-Pappa stated she wanted to commend Matthew Tramp and Rachel Wren for answering questions at the joint Board of School Trustees/AZAC meeting and spending time afterward with the individuals. She also thanked staff for keeping AZAC well prepared and providing information.

Rachel Wren stated the parents north of Summerlin Parkway are still concerned about the rezoning and regarding the administration giving information out.

Rick Baldwin stated that when he sent out information notification packets he copies the principal of the schools, trustee, the region superintendent, region staff, and blind copies the AZAC representatives from the area. When dealing with middle schools he emails the principals of the middle schools as well as their elementary feeder school principals. Rick stated he is doing everything he can to notify and communicate with the schools. He said we just have to trust the schools are communicating and follow what we ask them to do. He said he does not have the access or the ability to send out ParentLink messages or notices but the schools do have access to send out ParentLink to their community. Rick said he believes the trustees do not have the ability to send out a ParentLink to a certain school community and thinks it is more of a district wide communication.

Albert Delgado stated there is still a problem with the communication. He said that in the years he has served on AZAC, he has seen the communication concerns decrease a little bit, but still hears some complaints. However, not as much as the years past. He said he does not know what else to do. Albert said there are other recommendations to update AZAC's policies that are still being looked at.

Rick Baldwin stated that in a few months staff will be taking the recommendations on AZAC Bylaws and regulations to the Board of School Trustees.

Justin Hepworth stated the notice issue is an ongoing concern. He said he did not think staff is the problem but that principals are not communicating with their students or communities. Justin said AZAC needs to look at other options to bypass the school and give the communication to the parents.

Rachel Wren asked how we hold the administration accountable.

Dave Flatt stated that one of the easiest way to communicate with the parents is to go through the parent group at the schools like the PTA, PTO, or Pack. He said each school should have one of those groups. Mr. Flatt stated the groups have a list of who is the president. AZAC can contact them and communicate and/or arrange to meet with these groups.

Tracy Murphy stated that the district has had instances in the past where staff has asked the Technology Department to go back and check or confirm that email(s) were sent, phone calls were made, at what dates and times to what numbers. She said with all the technology the district has, messages do go out but for unknown reasons they are not heard.

Rick Baldwin stated that just last year we had a similar situation where a group came out after the fact and stated that they were not notified. However, the Technology Department was able to go back and check and the ParentLink message was sent, when it was read when it was received. Another issue that has arisen is that parents sometimes do not update their phones or email addresses, so that information is not going to the correct location.

Justin Heworth stated that AZAC should be able to send out notices and bypass the principals. He said that AZAC has an obligation to provide parents with appropriate information.

Rick Baldwin stated that we have always abided by the Nevada Open Meeting Law. He said AZAC's agendas are posted on the School District website, AZAC website, and are posted at the required libraries. He informed AZAC that the requirement is to post the agenda 3 working days before a meeting. We post 4 sometimes 5 working days before a meeting.

Rachel Wren stated that in the past parents have been frustrated because they do not know that the AZAC website exists. She asked when the AZAC Bylaws and regulations go to the Board of School Trustees will it be a joint Board/AZAC meeting.

Rick Baldwin stated that it will not be a joint meeting. He said he can notify AZAC when the meeting is coming up.

Tracy Murphy stated there are other avenues than ParentLink to get information out.

Becky Nielson stated that with today's technology everyone is having email fatigue. There is so much everyone has to do that they do not even notice sometimes that these things are coming though. So if it is an elementary schools receives a middle school email notice they may think this does not apply to us. Therefore, they may not forward it.

Colleen Wilson-Pappa commended the principals that forward the information and also show up to the meetings. She agrees on having alternative ways to communicate with parents.

THE 2020-2021 ZONING SEASON

Rick Baldwin stated the new zoning season will start in September. He said that he is holding out on hope that AZAC will be zoning for the new elementary school located at Chapata Drive and Casady Hollow Avenue to evaluate the attendance boundaries of Lorna J. Kesterson and John C. Vanderburg/Neil C. Twitchell Elementary Schools. Rick said that the school district still does not have an inter-local agreement with the City of Henderson. There will be a meeting on that next week.

Rick Baldwin stated that AZAC will be zoning for a new middle school on Mountains Edge Parkway and Buffalo Drive to evaluate the attendance boundaries of Wilbur and Theresa Faiss and Lois and Jerry Tarkanian Middle Schools. He said AZAC will re-evaluate the attendance boundaries of John C. Fremont, K.O. Knudson, Roy W. Martin, and Jerome D. Mack Middle Schools. Rick stated that Trustee Cepeda requested that AZAC evaluate the attendance boundaries of Coronado, Liberty, and Silverado High Schools. He stated that Silverado High School is underutilized. Coronado and Liberty High Schools are overcrowded.

Justin Hepworth asked if AZAC is going to evaluate the feeder middle schools since they will be evaluating the high schools.

Albert Delgado thanked everyone for a very good year. He said AZAC had looked at a lot of areas and spent a lot of time and effort doing what needed to be done.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS.

None.

ADJOURN.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 11:36 a.m.

Motion: Becky Nielson Second: Justin Hepworth Vote: Unanimous
David Gomez, Mallory Levins, Lois Mack, and John Mismas were not present to vote.