

Education Committee Report to LWVO Board for 3/13/2017  
(And Minutes for Ed Com mtg on 3/9/2017)

OUSD Budget Process At our meeting this month, Allene Warren reported on an OUSD Board Ad Hoc Budget Committee meeting that she recently attended. The Board Committee consists of Shanthi Gonzales, Aimee Eng, and Jody London. Others attending included 5 school principals; and some members of the OUSD admin staff, (at least acting Supt. Devin Dillon, literacy coordinator Lisa Spielman, senior financial officer Vernon Hal, and director of labor strategy Troy Christmas)

Currently OUSD has 86 district-run schools and 40 charter-run schools.

OUSD Board Policy 3150 governs the district budgeting process. (See OUSD website.) Current planning is for 2018-19 budget. Measure G1 passed last November will effect that budget.

Multiple factors for which numbers are difficult to determine at this time will need to be reconsidered later, e.g., numbers of students in the LCFF categories, changes to individual school needs resulting from school choice enrollment and late enrollments, changes in student family income categories brought by passage of the minimum wage law, and changes to district revenue related to Trump Administration actions.

Allene reported on 4 presentations at the meeting:

1. Devin Dillon discussed the Desired Outcomes (primary tasks of this committee); reviewed Bd. Policy 3150; and amended Budget Prioritization Guidelines just enacted in January 2017. These priorities involve a) reduction in Central Office Budgets of \$8.5 million; b) reduction in staffing due to decreases in enrollment this year and expected in 2017-18 of \$5.5 million; c) increase of the budget reserve to at least 3%; and d) among other actions, postponement of any school consolidations/closures until 2018-19.
2. Vernon Hall presented the *2016-17 2nd Interim financial Report* which has a “qualified” designation rather than a “positive” designation after the *1st Interim Financial Report* was redesignated to “qualified” by the Alameda County Board of Education.
3. Lisa Spielman presented updates to the LCFF and OUSD’s LCAP.
4. OUSD staff Troy Christmas presented on the topic, *OUSD Budget Development Demystified: Key Process steps and Opportunities for Improvement*.

Allene said she felt an “overall negative vibe” at the meeting especially in relation to school consolidations.

Latino Equity Briefing document Final edits from LWVO Bd. members are being made and Ed Com awaits approval from Exec Bd vote.

Other We heard a brief presentation from a guest, Ryan Beck-Turner, editor of the GO Public Schools Board Watch. We had petitioned Ryan to reinstate GO's Bd. Watch summaries of OUSD Bd. actions that used to be published online after every school bd. mtg. Ryan told us about two new data trackers that will soon be available on the GO website. We will be able to track every vote by every school board member at the Bd. mtgs. We will also be able to track Board member absences and times tardy and times away from their seats at bd. mtgs. (More info will be forthcoming on these data trackers after they are rolled out. The effort is to increase accountability of our OUSD Bd. members.)

Respectfully submitted,  
Jane Klein, meeting recorder