

Association of California School Administrators

Urban Education Committee Meeting

26 September 2008, 9:30 a.m.

**Friday, 26 September 2008
9:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.
ACSA Ontario Office
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ACSA Mission Statement

- *Support California’s educational leaders
- *Ensure all students have the essential skills and knowledge needed to excel; and
- *Champion public education

Urban Education Committee Purpose

- To identify and study issues relating to urban education.
- To emphasize the need to improve educational opportunity for children in urban school districts.
- To identify and articulate the unique concerns of administrators in urban school districts.
- To recommend solutions and/or courses of action to deal with problems and needs of urban schools.

AGENDA

- 1. Introductions.....Jeannie Pon, Chairperson**
 - 1.1 Reading of ACSA Mission Statement and Committee Purpose
 - Janet Torncello acted as chairperson in the absence of Jeannie Pon
 - *Karen Janney, Sweetwater UHSD read the ACSA Mission Statement and Janet Chapman, ACSA Board Member read the Committee Purpose
- 2. Additions, Corrections or Deletions to 26 September 2008 Agenda.....Committee**
 - *Urban Education Alternative Email Addresses
 - *Web Site Review
 - *Leadership Summit
- 3. Review and Approval of 9 May 2008 Meeting Minutes.....Committee**
 - *The minutes of 9 May 2008 were approved on a motion by Woodrow Carter and seconded by Russ Thompson
- 4. The Budget (or lack thereof) and Other Issues.....Brett McFadden, Management Services Executive**

5. Report of and Discussion of UEC Pre-Conference Planning Committee and Next Steps

- *No stand alone conference
- *Sacramento will be an ideal place for the Urban Education Committee to have it first Pre-Conference
- *Committee members: Karen Janney, Russ Thompson, Jeannie Pon, Nancy Olcott, Janet Torncello

LUNCH

6. Discussion: Newsletter.....Committee

- *Committee decided to review the Position Paper and see what newsletter articles can be generated from the Position Paper
- *Generating of article ideas to be no more than 1,000 words:
- *Russ Thompson will submit an article on Professional Development

WEBSITE:

It was suggested that there be a committees and councils section. Also Ed Cal should have an article letting members know how to use the web site

Consider putting a link from Resources to Urban Education

Reading list

7. Discussion: Committee Focus and Topics for Future Meetings.....Committee

- *Information about other schools that have been successful and how they became successful – A suggestion was to showcase Broad success districts. We can highlight those schools or districts on our website. ‘Urban Schools that defy the odds’
- *How do we train principals, what about talking to teachers, what are the best practices?’ Talk about the folk on instruction and accountability. Leadership Accountability sharing amongst ourselves and our colleagues.
- *On any article, there should be a profile of the people who made it happen
- *Have someone who has been a part of the 90, 90, 90 school district successful and what are the substantial interventions that led to success. Sustainability!

8. Region and District Reports

- ***CapistranoUSD:** State should disaggregate data. Districts are responsible for this and this is a financial burden. We are being held accountable

and this would be a great and helpful. Standard VI:
Legislation.

***Riverside USD:** Concerns relative to English Learners (sub-groups) and growth,
Standard VI

***Palm Springs USD:** Focus is now on getting kids to school. District is using
community workers to help get students to school. Standard IV,
Standard V, Standard III

***Lake Elsinore USD:** District is now out of PI. Standard I and VIII

***Eastside UHSD:** Training for principals and making them accountability;
conversations regarding race, culture and equity. Standard VII

***Los Angeles USD:** Russ has spent a great deal of time with Locke H.S in his
current position, but Green Dot has taken over the school and
things seem to be working well. Standard II

***San Juan USD:** A leadership team works with schools and there is work
relative to instruction, accountability, etc. This is a shared
relationship between the teachers union and the district.
Standard I

***Montebello USD:** A CD Rom has been created displaying high level discussions
about instruction, accountability at the high school between
teachers and administrators. The CD ROM was created by the
Center for Educational Efficacy. Standard I, II, VII

***Los Angeles USD:** Janet spoke to the issue of being a principal at her school which
is very diverse school which is Title I. Her main focus is the
social aspect of learning. One of the programs at the school is
art therapy for the students. Standard IV, V

***Bakersfield City SD:** Under the direction of the new superintendent, work began on
accountability and making the focus more on instruction. West
Ed, as well as the union was partners with the district in the
redesign of teaching-learning model for the district. District is
also going through cultural proficiency training but only at
district office. Standard II and Standard VIII

***Santa Ana USD:** After last springs lay-offs, all teachers but one have been
rehired. There were some strong take backs from the teachers
contract to reflect learning, growth and moral that affect
student learning. Standard III

***Sweetwater UHSD:** District has been clear about 'doing the right work'. Karen
talked about the presentation she and others will be doing at
Leadership Summit relative to moving schools from Program
Improvement and how the district speaking to the right work, is
getting it done. Standard I, II, VII

***Bellflower USD:** Concern regarding Special Education encroachment. Standard VI

9. ADJOURNMENT

2008-2009 Meeting Dates and Locations:

~~26 September 2008 – Ontario~~
24 October 2008 – Ontario
27 March 2009 – Sacramento
1 May 2009 – Burlingame*

*May be changed to another site but date will remain the same

Members in Attendance 26 September 2008

Rick Kempianen, Bellflower USD	Jess Serna, San Juan USD
Karen Janney, Sweetwater UHSD	Russ Thompson, LAUSD
Juan Lopez, Santa Ana USD	Bob Nunez, Eastside UHSD
Nancy Olcott, Bakersfield City School	Alain Guevara, Lake Elsinore USD
Janet Chapman, ACSA Board Member, Los Angeles USD	Mauricio Arellano, Palm Springs USD
Janet Torncello, Montebello USD (Acting Chairperson)	Antonio Garcia, Riverside USD
Woodrow Carter, Capistrano USD	

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