

Association of California School Administrators

**Urban Education Committee Meeting**

**Wednesday, 4 November 2009  
Sacramento Convention Center, Room #304  
9:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

**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

Jeannie Pon, Chair	San Francisco USD
Vickie Enbrecht	Ontario-Montclair
Jill Hammond	William S. Hart
Sharon McGhee	Desert Sands
Jose Banda	Anaheim Elementary School District
Jesse	San Juan USD
Alain Guevara	Lake Elsinore
Russ Thompson	Los Angeles USD
Jim Dilday	San Bernardino USD
Janet Chapman	Board Representative
Bob Collins	Grossmont USD

- 1.1 Reading of ACSA Mission Statement and Committee Purpose

ACSA Mission Statement read by Alain Guervera  
 Urban Education Committee Purpose read by Jose Banda

2. Additions, Corrections or Deletions to 4 November 2009 Agenda...Committee

Agenda was approved with no additions, corrections and deletions

3. Review and Approval of 11 September 2009 Meeting Minutes.....Committee

4. Greetings from ACSA Executive Director Bob Wells

President of ACSA Chuck Weiss greeted the group and thanked them for their willingness to put in time and effort to improve urban education. He also informed the group about the 2020 Initiative in San Jose where the goal is to close the achievement gap by that date. Gladys will find out if Chris Funk of the San Jose Unified School District will be willing to share as our presenter, information, materials and ideas about this innovative program with the Committee at the February meeting.

Bob Wells, Executive Director of ACSA stopped by to talk with the group about ACSA and the need for the Urban Education Committee and its importance to ACSA and to all urban districts in the state of California. Bob asked the group to keep in touch and encouraged committee members to email him with questions and/or concerns at: [bwells@acsa.org](mailto:bwells@acsa.org).

5. Liaisons to ACSA Committees.....

The following individual committee members have agreed to represent the Urban Committee as liaisons:

Human Resources

Representative will be Jill Hammond

Curriculum and Instruction

Representative will be Russ Thompson

Equity, Achievement and Diversity

Representative will be Jose Banda

6. Presentation..... Fred Tempes, Senior Program Director  
Comprehensive School Assistance Program  
WESTED

Fred Tempes spoke to the group regarding proposals, programs and funding availability that has been introduced relative to supporting education and educational efforts. After the formal presentation, the committee engaged in discussion about the topic and also discussed what districts are doing. Please see additional information provided by Fred attached to the minutes.

7. Discussion of committee project(s).....Jeannie Pon and Committee

The Committee spent time discussing those concerns that are indigenous to urban districts and trying to decide on those issues, which could be the basis of projects:

- Being more collaborative as urban districts and doing a better job of networking for the good of all staff and students in urban districts.
- The Committee thought it important to start discussing and determining those common issues that urban districts are grappling with that need to be shared, discussed and suggested actions given.
- Best practices need to be shared

- Webinars while a good vehicle for connecting and providing information, we must make sure that we have targeted audiences and not trying to reach so many people that we lose our focus.
- The February Committee meeting in Ontario will focus on preparing strands for the 2010 Leadership Summit. Russ Thompson said he would be willing to share information about reconstitution as it relates to the lowest performing middle schools and the innovative partnerships, including those with teachers that have happened as a result of that reconstituting. This could be a possible topic as a part of the Urban Education strand for the 2010 Leadership Summit.

8. Region and/or District Reports

- Districts are feeling the pinch as it relates to fingerprinting.
- Janet Chapman talked about ACSA support of Larry Aceves, former President of ACSA who is running for the office of California State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Janet encouraged members of the Committee to support Larry (financial support is vital in this race) in his run.
- Concerns continue to arise over the number of standards and whether as a state anything is being done about limiting the number of standards, and in relation to performance measurement/assessment system, are we considering a state-wide assessment?

9. ADJOURNMENT

## URBAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

~~Wednesday, 4 November 2009~~ — ~~Sacramento~~  
 Friday, 26 February 2010 - Ontario  
 Friday, 7 May 2010 - Burlingame