

ACSA Business Services Council

Spring Meeting

May 26, 2010

ACSA Sacramento Offices

I. Call to order, attendance, and introductions

Called to order at 9:34 am by President Christensen

<u>Members in attendance</u>	<u>Region</u>	
Karl Christensen	18	President
Wes Grossman	1	
Stephen Luhrs	2	
Cindy Petersen	3	
Enrique Navas	5	
Bill Stephens	6	
Ann Jones	8	
Mike Berg	9	
John Caudle	11	
Ted Alejandre	12	
John McNeil	15	
Jack Bagwell	16	
Gina Potter	18	
John Von Flue	11	President elect
Nils Karlsson	12	Board Liaison
David Gasser		ACSA staff
Adonai Mack		ACSA staff

II. Council Business items

- Minutes from Feb 2010 council meeting were approved without amendment
- ACSA budget – 20% reduction is continuing through 2010-11. Council expenses affected as in 2009-10.
- President Christensen shared his Business Services Council presentation that he gave to the ACSA Board of Directors.
- Discussion item: recommendations to the board regarding increasing membership. Ideas included providing incentives and highlighting what is in it for the CBO. President Christensen to write a letter to ACSA board regarding council recommended initiatives to increase membership.
- Legislative Policy Committee – Karen Stapf-Walters, ACSA Assistant Executive Director, gave an overview of the Leg Policy Committee and the three sub-committees: 1) Business, Special Ed, Transportation 2) Charter Schools, Employee Relations, Facilities, Sports 3) Curriculum, Assessment, Credentialing, Retirement. Ms. Stapf-Walters recommended Business Council serve the committee with a consistent representative for the two year legislative cycle.

Business Council volunteers included: Stephen Luhrs, Ann Jones, and Mike Berg. The President-Elect of the council is also a designated representative to the committee.

A change in Council by-laws will be proposed at the October meeting to allow for 2 year representation and multiple representatives from the council.

- Leadership Summit – November 4-6th: ACSA will be offering a session on school finance and school leadership. Council members presenting: Bill Young, Ann Jones, Karl Christensen, and John Von Flue

III. Charter Schools presentation

Laura Preston, ACSA Legislative Advocate, presented Charter Schools 101 to the council.

The presentation included:

- Policy and Politics: history and background of charter schools, law introduction, legislative intent, changes in law, politics, supporters and non-supporters, Race to the Top, SB X5 4 now law
- Legal Issues: LEA responsibilities, types of charters, charter petitions, oversight, Prop 39 obligations, special education agreements, charter renewal/revocation

IV. Panel Discussion on May Revise

- Jennifer Kuhn, Legislative Analysts Office, spoke about the viability of the state budget and the plans supported by the Assembly and the Senate.
 - LAO recommendations include a list of \$700 million in cuts/savings through flexibility options and contract modifications
 - Governors assumptions include a drop in Prop 98 guarantee to \$48.9 B. LAO estimates guarantee at \$50.8 B. In order to make no cuts to education, \$52.8 B needed.
- Heather Karlson, Superintendent O'Connell's office led a discussion about the May revise
 - SPI agrees with LAO Prop 98 guarantee.
 - Wants K-14 education a priority. Supports no flexibility if it means cuts. Supports looking for new revenues. Does not support more CSR flexibility.

V. Topics for the Capital

- Reviewed items to discuss with audience at the Capital
 - Extension of categorical flexibility
 - Cash deferrals
 - Prop 98 guarantee and calculation

VI. Capital Meeting

- Rick Simpson, Assembly Speaker's Office
 - Discussed new Jobs Budget – restores cuts in child care and mental health, restores over 400,000 jobs, securitizes recycling over 20 year term, proposes oil severance tax
 - Considering consequences and economic upswing, the Assembly is willing to borrow money to fund this budget.
 - Assembly budget Prop 98 is \$5.9B more than Governor's proposal
 - Assembly proposes to pay back \$1.3 B in unfunded mandates
 - Assembly Speaker's goal is to have a balance budget ready for vote June 15th.

VII. Closing discussion

- President Christensen and Council Member Potter will draft a letter regarding key budget issues, concerns, and recommendations.
- Council will set up meetings next year in February and May sessions to meet directly with Assembly and Senate members.

VIII. Adjournment

Council was adjourned at 2:47 p.m.