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STUDY SESSION
MEETING
OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES
March 12, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. by President Vivian Hansen in the Boardroom at the District Office, 15110 California Avenue, Paramount, California.

Pledge of Allegiance	Chris Stamm, Director-Nutrition Services, led the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call

Trustee Vivian Hansen	Trustee Linda Garcia
Trustee Sonya Cuellar	Trustee Tony Peña - ill
Trustee Alicia Anderson	

Administrators Present

Ruth Pérez, Superintendent
Ruben Frutos, Assistant Superintendent-Business Services
Myrna Morales, Assistant Superintendent-Human Resources
Ryan Smith, Assistant Superintendent-Secondary Educational Services
Deborah Stark, Assistant Superintendent-Educational Services
David Daley, Director-Special Education
Greg Francois, Director-Secondary Ed. & Instructional Technology
Renee Jeffrey, Director-K-5 School Support & Innovative Programs
Scott Law, Director-Facilities and Project Management
Margarita Rodriguez, Director-Research, Assessment & Student Info.
Manuel San Miguel, Director-Student Services
Beatriz Spelker-Levi, Director-Personnel
Chris Stamm, Director-Nutrition Services
Patricia Tu, Director-Fiscal Services
Keith Nuthall, Principal-Odyssey STEM Academy
Becky Perez, Assistant Principal-Odyssey STEM Academy

Approve Study Session Agenda March 12, 2018
1.98

Trustee Cuellar moved, Trustee Garcia seconded and the motion carried 4-0 to approve the agenda of the Study Session Meeting of March 12, 2018.

Ayes: 4 – Trustees Anderson, Cuellar, Garcia, Hansen
Absent: 1 – Trustee Peña

HEARING SECTION

There were no speakers during the Hearing Section.

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Odyssey STEM Academy

Keith Nuthall, Principal-Odyssey STEM Academy and Becky Perez, Dean of Students provided the Board with information on Odyssey STEM Academy.

The Goal of Odyssey STEM Academy is

Share a Vision:
- An equitable education for all
- An inclusive, culturally-connected community
- Knowing learners well, both as scholars and as individuals
- Learners using their minds, hands, and hearts well
- Learning taking place beyond the school walls

Odyssey STEM Academy's Mission:
Odyssey STEM Academy empowers learners by awakening their curiosity and passion to transform themselves and the world.

Mr. Nuthall invited the Board and Superintendent Pérez and Executive Cabinet members to join him and Mrs. Perez to participate in a hands-on activity to experience design thinking first hand. Design Thinking is human-oriented approach to design developed by Stanford's School of Design where designers focus on the needs of the user in order to develop a solution that best meets their unique needs. The Design Process has five elements: empathy, ideate, define, prototype, and test. Participants experienced the process through the design of a wallet for each other.

Mr. Nuthall further shared the following:

An Equitable Education for All:
- Single Pathway
- Shared students
- Variable time
- Flexible space

Time	Learning
60 Minutes	Advisory
90 Minutes	STEM Studio
90 Minutes	Humanities Studio
90 Minutes	Applied Math Studio
30 Minutes	Advisory

Knowing Learners Well
- Advisory
- Standing meeting
- Student Assistance Team
- Family engagement

An Equitable Education for All

- Authentic
- Learner-centric
- Leaving to learn
- Family engagement

Equity
Our community of learners celebrates the uniqueness of each individual and provides equitable access to programs and opportunities while promoting academic and social-emotional well-being for all.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Cuellar moved, Trustee Garcia seconded, and the motion carried 4-0 to adjourn the Study Session meeting of the Board of Education held on March 12, 2018 at 5:59 p.m.

Ayes: 4 – Trustees Anderson, Cuellar, Garcia, Hansen
Absent: 1 – Trustee Peña

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Ruth Pérez, Secretary
To the Board of Education

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President

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Vice President/Clerk

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