

**El Monte Union High School District  
Budget Advisory Committee  
(BAC) Minutes  
February 2, 2012**

- Meeting was called to order at 6:11 p.m.
- Present, were 34 members comprised of the community, parents, students, consultants, and EMUHSD staff.
  
- Attendees: Ryan Di Giulio, Dana Smith, Julie Jennings, Joel Kyne, Edith Echeverria, Rita Donato, Oscar Cisneros, Larry Cecil, Cathy Satterfield, Winneta Belt, Ronda Logan, Lisa Chambers, Rosana McLeod, Matt Strother, Larry Fry, Ken Rausch, Veronica Larios, Bob Mata, Robin Torres, Raymund Lu, Andrew Jaramillo, Keith Richardson, Mary Segovia, Isolda Robinson, Alma Zarate, Lupe Lozano, Constancio Lozano, Liz Alonso, Mary Torregrosse, Tony D'Amico, Annette Felix, Jim Taite, Olga Lopez, and Barry Dragon
  
- Absent: Mike Felix, Donna Duncan, Joseph Wong, Marling Ronquillo, Carol Truscott, Freddie Arteaga, Dario Macias, Jody Zeto, and Briseida Valencia.
  
- Mr. Barry Dragon began the meeting by introducing himself and asking the group of newcomers to regroup and join the rest of the groups.
  
- He asked all to pick up a packet and began reviewing the contents:
  - A compilation of suggested reduction items listed from last meeting, to which ideas from the current meeting will be added. These are ideas from the committee that District staff will attach values to for the next meeting
  - Letters from LACOE that were received in August 2011 and January 2012. LACOE has asked EMUHSD to prepare a responsible fiscal stabilization plan
  - Object code descriptions
  - 4 packets of 4000 and 5000 object code expenditures for restricted and unrestricted funds through January 2012
  - A calculation Special Education encroachment – General Fund contribution to restricted program
  - info sheet on salary and benefits breakdown. Second part indicates if furlough days were recommended, while third part indicates if salary decreases were recommended
  - Detail of benefits –health care is an increasing portion of the budget
  - Classified positions by location

- With these suggestions we can get an idea of cost. Mr. Dragon gave examples from the list of suggestions. He stated that we're doing really difficult work and we need to be sensitive as they communicate to their constituents.
- Mr. Dragon asked all to regroup and be sure there was a representative from each group. Object is to talk about more ideas. List is not all-inclusive; we need more ideas and to brainstorm at each table.
- At 6:28 p.m. he apportioned the next 30-40 minutes to work together. Groups were asked to select someone at each table to be a scribe.
- At approximately 7:16 p.m. Mr. Dragon began to call the attention of the groups. Mr. Dragon complimented the groups mentioning that as he strolled throughout the room, there was a lot of dialogue, positive energy and good ideas.
- He asked the groups to begin reading their lists and to give an action word, a verb, to the thought. At the end of meeting please forward your lists to Amparo to comprise. He also stated that by Monday, Ryan would have a survey for committee members to give to their representative stakeholders. Both collective bargaining units expressed interest in surveys, as their meetings will be held next week and they will have the opportunity to share the suggestions with their memberships.
- After the lists and surveys have been distributed and circulated, Mr. Dragon asked group to bring back to the next meeting. Survey will request taker, to prioritize top 20 items that need reduction or elimination.
- By next meeting, District staff will assign values to the ideas/suggestions.
- Mr. Dragon asked to be clear with description of items.
- Next Meeting Date—Wednesday, February 8, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. at the PDC at South El Monte HS. Due to another event, Wayne Clayton Dinner, the meeting was moved to Wednesday.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Minutes taken by:

Amparo Becerra