# LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT Student Health & Human Services Office of Human Relations, Diversity & Equity

## Commission on Human Relations March 15, 2018

### AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Minutes February meetings
- IV. Standing updates/reports
  - a. Human Relations Awards
  - b. African American Summit
  - c. Office of Human Relations, Diversity & Equity
- V. Public Comment (2-minutes)
- VI. Adjournment

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## Commission on Human Relations Record of Discussions March 15, 2018

PRESENT		ABSENT	
Abelsson, Mark	selected	Crouch, Perry	Vladovic (7)
Boyd, Tish	LA County HRC	Edwards, Kathryn	LACOE
Chiasson, Judy	staff	LeMay, Beverly	selected
De La Rosa, Gary	selected, Chair	Lopez-Chang, Ray	Rodriguez (5)
Garcia, Maribel	Schmerlson	Menjivar, Michael	Gonez (6)
Germaine Watts, Joyce		Ortega, Annie	ADL
Jacobs, Lloyd Bud	Superintendent	Tarrant, Karen,	UTLA, Co-chair
Kakassy, Allan	McKenna (1)	Weldon, Floyd	AALA
Torres-Covarrubias, Krystal Garcia (2)		Gonzales-Palmer, Christine Melvoin (4)	

**GUESTS** Duaa Alwan

VACANT SEIU

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:20 with quorum.

Minutes were approved

#### **Human Relations Awards**

Notification about the awards is being sent to all SHHS staff and principals. Have not received any applications for awards yet.

Bud Jacobs will follow up with Forrest Financial about hosting the Awards event.

Poly, Venice, Eagle Rock, Van Nuys, Gardenia, Los Angeles, Hamilton, Roosevelt, Carson, San Fernando Valley, Grant, Dorsey and Granada high schools are all under consideration for Human Relations Awards.

Discussion as to whether, in the spirit of human relations, to include all public high schools, including independent charters, for consideration for human awards. Passed unanimously.

The Museum of Tolerance is not available to host. Krystal and Maribel will ask their board members (Garcia and Schmerlson, respectively) about scheduling the human awards reception at a time that is conducive to their attendance.

Recipients will receive a certificate from the commission. Will reach out to the credit union to underwrite the reception. Proposed asking the board members for money in a timely manner so the winning school scan purchase materials. Or, if outside monies available, a gift card could be issued to the club sponsor.

African American Summit – 10 years ago, the local district north had a parent summit but there was only one African American attendee. The next year, created an African American summit; 300 attended. Since then, attendance has fluctuate only slightly. Village Nation sponsored a Summit in the valley on March 10. Another was offered in February at Gardena. Joyce relayed stories that parents had shared of blatantly racist experiences they had their children's teachers. Most disturbing that such incidents continue to this date. The small percentage of African American students in schools exacerbates the situation.

**Meeting time** – Distributed surveys to indicate availability regarding day, week and time. Consider purchasing box lunches from the cafeteria. The second Thursday of the month at 6:00 (also the current schedule) has the highest agreement at 7 assents, followed by the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays, also at 6:00, at 6 assents each.

**Public Comment** There were no public comments.

Announcements Ambassador Chihombori-Quao, the Ambassador for the African Union, representing all 55 countries of Africa, will be visiting Los Angeles on Saturday, March 31. At 10am, she will lay a wreath at the Los Angeles National Cemetery, in honor of Africans who lost their lives fighting in World War I. This is an effort to educate and to restore history.

Adjournment 8:30 p.m.

#### **Handouts:**

- February minutes
- January agenda
- News clippings from March 15, 2018 showing schools' responses to the March 14 nationwide #NeverAgain campaign
- Human Relations Awards applications from Roosevelt, San Fernando (2 applications) and Grant
- Flyer from African American Summit, March 10

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Minutes approved at April meeting

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### AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Minutes October meetings
- IV. Standing updates/reports
  - a. Human Relations Awards
  - b. Kakassy Human Relations in school safety plans
  - c. Schedule for HRC meetings
  - d. Office of Human Relations, Diversity & Equity
- V. Public Comment (2-minutes)
- VI. Adjournment

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