

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

Commission on Human Relations

May 9, 2019

A G E N D A

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call and introductions
- III. Approval of Minutes March meetings
- IV. Nomination of Officers
- V. Standing updates/reports
 - a. Joyce Germaine Watts – addressing the N word, guest Tyler Okeke
 - b. Human Relations Awards – May 14, 2019
 - i. Forrester financial
 - ii. California Credit Union
 - iii. LA Trust
 - c. Office of Human Relations, Diversity & Equity
 - d. Summer and 2019/20 meeting schedule
- VI. Public Comment (2-minutes)
- VII. Adjournment

Next Meetings: Second Thursdays, 6-8 p.m., at LAUSD Blue Room (unless otherwise indicated)
2019: June 13

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Record of Discussions
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PRESENT

Abelsson, Mark	selected
Chiasson, Judy	staff
De La Rosa, Gary	selected, Chair
Escobar, Janise	staff
Watts, Joyce Germain	selected

VACANT

SEIU, UTLA, Melvoin (4), Board District 5.

ABSENT

Boyd, Tish	LA County HRC
Crouch, Perry	Vladovic (7)
Jacobs, Lloyd Bud	Superintendent
Davis, Norlon	UTLA
Kakassy, Allan	McKenna (1)
Menjivar, Michael	Gonez (6)
Nevels, Megan	ADL
Rivlin, Shelley	Schmerelson (3)
Torres-Covarrubias, Krystal	Garcia (2)
Weldon, Floyd	AALA

Call to Order

Quorum was not achieved.

Agreed on June 10 for the board retreat. Will not meet in July. Meetings will resume in August on 2nd Thursday rotation.

Human Relations Awards

Room 2-131 on the 2nd floor of Beaudry has been reserved for the May 14, 2019 ceremony. Eleven applications have been received to date. Bud reports that entries include a wide variety of themes, from kindness to global drought awareness. Scott Schmerelson's & Nick Melvoin's offices are each donating \$200 for expenses.

Discussion: Normalization of racially biased language. Tyler Okeke of Harbor Teacher Prep called in. Too many students say the n-word, but feel it is not an issue for black students; non-African Americans should not use it because it's not their term. The staff participated in an ADL training. The students demanded that the teachers participate in additional trainings; staff watched *White Like Me*. Tyler said the prevalence of the N word has not decreased. Some students police each other on its use; others seem to allow it. Nevertheless, thinks the teachers should recognize the sensitivity to students, and its use implies that the school is not a safe place, and use their privilege to advocate on behalf of others.

Discussion on Roosevelt's alumni association's fundraiser T-shirts for the football team. Says: "Roosevelt Big Stick."

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2019/20: 2nd Thursdays, 6-8 pm, Blue Room, unless otherwise indicated
2019: September 12, October 10, November 14 (no December meeting)
2020: January 16, February 13, March 12, April 9, May 14, June 11