

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

Commission on Human Relations  
January 9, 2020  
A G E N D A

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call and introductions
- III. Approval of Minutes November meeting
- IV. Reports of standing committees
- V. Standing updates/reports/Commissioner proposed items:
  - a. June 2019 retreat and focus areas
  - b. Human Relations Awards, May 7, 2020
  - c. Educational Equity
  - d. School Culture
  - e. Civic Engagement
  - f. Office of Human Relations, Diversity & Equity

VI. Public Comment ( 2-minutes )

VII. Adjournment

Handouts: November minutes  
January agenda  
Housing Stability Task Force Update Report for HRC 1/9/20

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Record of Discussions  
January 10, 2020

**PRESENT**

Abelsson, Mark selected  
dela Rosa, Gary selected, Chair  
Edwards, Katherine LACOE  
Chiasson, Judy staff  
Jacobs, Lloyd Bud Superintendent  
Laguna, Joel UTLA  
Perez, Kevin BM Gonez(6)  
Perez, Linda CSEA  
Richardson, Joan CSEA  
Rivlin, Shelley Schmerelson (3)  
Torres-Covarrabias, Krystal Museum of  
Tolerance

**ABSENT**

Crouch, Perry Vladovic (7)  
Kakassy, Allan McKenna (1)  
Ortega, Anne ADL  
Watts, Joyce Germain selected  
Weldon, Floyd AALA  
Wilson, Kaaras

**VACANT**

Garcia (2)  
Melvoin (4)  
Goldberg (5)

**Call to Order**

Quorum was achieved at 6:45 PM

**June 2019 retreat and focus areas**

Still waiting for the minutes

**Human Relations Awards**

Bud is addressing senior high principals on February 6th.

Brenda Manuel has monthly meetings with student leaders and is organizing a conference on February 29 on male leadership. Bud will speak with her group.

ADL and Museum of Tolerance are collaborating on a workshop for students, scheduled from 8:30 – 3:30 on January 29, 2020 at Museum of Tolerance. Marshall HS was very responsive and enthusiastic. Hollywood, University and Monroe are interested, but have not secured transportation. BM Jackie Goldberg will be invited to greet the students, preferably at the culmination.

April 10 due date for the application may be tight. May 7 is the awards date

**Educational Equity** No report

**Civic Engagement** No report

**Office of Human Relations, Diversity & Equity** reported on approved Title IV funding for new positions and programs.

**School Culture**

**Black Lives Matter week, 2/3 – 2/7** Will be presented to action by the Board on January 14

Joel Laguna & Judy Chiasson will author a Human Relations resolution recognizing and supporting the board resolution *Black Lives Matter Resolution Recognizing the Black Lives Matter at School Week of Action* which will be presented to action on January 14. Voted and approved.

**AB493 of 2019– safe and supportive learning environments – sponsored by Todd Lara**

Affirms ed codes for safe and supportive for LGBTQ students with mandates trainings biennially

**Housing and Homelessness**

Shelley presented a written report. Areas of focus:

Clothing – facilities for laundry

Transportation – guaranteed to continue at the school. Problem is that elementary schools cannot ride public schools w/o adult escort. TAP cards take a few weeks to secure

Gary Painters is researching transportation models

Identification – homeless students are significantly under counted. Offer trainings to help teachers recognize markers (e.g., accessing food pantries, hygiene, meal applications)

Best Practices – Culver City has a Culver Needs committee that sends food home with student

Commissioners are asked to speak with their board members regarding addressing clothing/hygiene, identification, transportation.

Next steps: Outreach to Garcetti’s office. Ron Galpin wants to be involved.

Attend the Culver Needs Committee

Cross track district resolution with the state mandates.

**Announcements:**

**Museum of Tolerance** has a Checkpoint Charlie grant for teachers who teach about the Holocaust for a two-salary points and 9 days in Berlin.

Has funding for one-day trainings at the Museum

Souad Mekhennet will be speaking at MOT on January 14

*Salt of the Earth* is showing at Gene Autry on Saturday, January 18, 2020, 1:30 p.m.

**Focus Groups:**

Housing Insecurity – Shelley Rivlin, Michael Menjivar, Kevin Perez

Human Relations Awards – Bud Jacobs, Annie Ortega, Mark Abelsson, Krystal Torres-Covarrubias

Civic engagement – Allan Kakassy, Gary de la Rosa

**Ad hoc committees:**

Educational Equity – Kathryn, Tisha, Joyce Germane Watts –( defined in conversation with the board members.

School culture Ad Hoc – Joel Laguna, Joyce Germane Watts, Karras, Krystal Torres-Covarrubias (use of racist language and curricula)

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM

Second Thursdays, 6:30 – 8:00 PM

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**HANDOUTS:**

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