

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

Commission on Human Relations
October 11, 2018
A G E N D A

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call and introductions
- III. Approval of Minutes September meetings
- IV. Review Guiding Strategies, authored January 2017
- V. Election of officers
- VI. Standing updates/reports
 - a. Human Relations Awards
 - b. Office of Human Relations, Diversity & Equity
- VII. Public Comment (2-minutes)
- VIII. Adjournment

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Record of Discussions
November 1, 2018

PRESENT

Abelsson, Mark selected
Chiasson, Judy staff
De La Rosa, Gary selected, Chair
Edwards, Kathryn LACOE
Germaine Watts, Joyce
Jacobs, Lloyd Bud Superintendent
Kakassy, Allan McKenna (1)

VACANT

SEIU, UTLA, Melvoin (4),
Schmerleson (3), Board
District 5.

ABSENT

Boyd, Tish LA County HRC
Crouch, Perry Vladovic (7)
Menjivar, Michael Gonez (6)
Ortega, Annie ADL
Torres-Covarrubias, Krystal Garcia (2)
Weldon, Floyd AALA

GUESTS

Call to Order

Quorum was achieved at 6:15 p.m.

Open with a recognition for the Tree of Life massacre.
October minutes accepted.

Human Relations Awards

Forrest Financial reaffirmed a desire to help underwrite the Human Relations Spring awards. Bud Jacobs will reach out.
Discussed the idea of a student leadership conference for the recipients of the human relations award plus select other schools. ADL and LA County were recognized as excellent trainers.

Timely events/study session

Commissioner Joyce Germaine Watts wants to be sure the commission addresses timely situations such as the shooting at Tree of Life, the grocery store, freedom of the press, and the urgency of voting.

Election of Officers

Decided to postpone the elections until January when there will hopefully be better attendance.

Commission representation

Judy Chiasson or Bud Jacobs will reach out to AALA, UTLA, and Board Members Schmerleson and Melvoin regarding their open positions on the Commission.
Mark will reach out to Krystal Torres-Covarrubias about continuing on the Commission, and in what capacity.

January commission retreat

Commissioners will prefer a different location than the Malibu restaurant. Judy asked ADL if we can use their location on January 12.

Gary will ask Ray Rigalado from LA County to be our facilitator. Kathryn also has a candidate but they will want an honorarium.

Possible agenda items:

- Strategic plan/revise the by-laws or mission to accurately reflect the scope of the commission
- The commission has the awards.. what is one other focus of the commission?
- Concerned about the lack of age diversity on the commission .
- Discussed small sub-groups that are underperforming, such as Hmong students

Human Relations staff update

Negotiations are still underway with UTLA. Administrators will be deployed to schools as needed. Asked for recommendations brown bag speakers series

Technology initiatives

Sophia Mendoza will present at the February meeting on the Technology initiatives at the District. The person who holds a parallel position in LA County will also come.

Public Comment - There were no public comments.

Action Items carried over

- Judy – talk to LA Trust about human relations trainings.
- Judy – contact Melvoyn and Schmerelson regarding vacancies
- Grant Subcommittee will meet - Michael, Joyce, Mark, Bud
- Executive Committee - contact PACE to request one parent of an active LAUSD. This is an application process.
- Executive Committee – Review bylaws and clarify types of membership.

Adjournment 8:15 pm

Handouts:

- October minutes
- November agenda
- Officer nomination form & office descriptions

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