



**Beverly Hills City Council Liaison / BHUSD Committee**

**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS  
455 N. Rexford Drive  
Beverly Hills, CA 90210**

**TELEPHONIC VIDEO CONFERENCE MEETING**

**Beverly Hills Liaison Committee Meeting**  
<https://beverlyhills-org.zoom.us/my/committee>  
**Meeting ID: 516 191 2424**  
**Passcode: 90210**

**MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

**Thursday, March 21, 2022  
4:00 PM**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Date / Time: March 21, 2022 / 4:03pm

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mayor Robert Wunderlich; Councilmember Lester Friedman; Nancy Hunt-Coffey, Assistant City Manager, Stephanie Harris, Community Outreach Manager; Jenny Rogers, Community Services Director, Patty Acuna, Assistant Director of Community Services; Noah Margo, BHUSD Boardmember; Tim Ellis, BHUSD; Dr. Michael Bregy, BHUSD Superintendent; Mary Wells, BHUSD Chair, Rebecca Starkins, BHUSD Director of Public Relations

**1) Public Comment**

- a. Members of the public will be given the opportunity to directly address the Committee on any item listed on the agenda.
  - No comments from the public

**2) Resolution of the Beverly Hills City Council Liaison / BHUSD Committee authorizing public meetings to be held via teleconferencing pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e) and making findings and determination regarding the same.**

New legislation (AB 361) was recently adopted allowing the BHUSD Committee to continue virtual meetings during the COVID-19 declared emergency subject to certain conditions and the proposed resolution implements the necessary requirements.

Resolution was MOVED and APPROVED.

Unanimously supported by City Council Liaisons present (Wunderlich, Friedman).

### **3) Continued Discussion Regarding Way in Which the City and the District can Partner Together**

- Mayor Wunderlich lead a discussion on the City's TK program on what issues need to be fleshed out to be as inclusive as possible to create a stellar program where families would want to relocate to Beverly Hills.
- It was agreed that public input is needed in addition to a working group / committee. The working group should be composed of teachers, both City & School staff, in addition to a special education teacher. Both Rebecca Starkins and Keith Sterling should be involved for Public Information.
- It was agreed the Patty Acuna, Assistant Director of Community Services, lead the Task Force. The goal is to return with a Business Plan that would include a variety of scenarios and options to be presented to City Council as well as to the School Board.
- A timeframe of 2 - 3 months was suggested. Patty Acuna and Tim Ellis to start fleshing out via emails, but check back in a month for review.
- Mary Wells advised receiving public feedback, via a survey, early in the project, prior to a Town Hall.
- Dr. Bregy provided information that approximately 80 students have been enrolled in the TK program that will begin in August 2022.
- School Boardmember, Mary Wells suggested finding out the demographics for children ages 2-3 years old.
- Interest in long-term plans for Early Education Center.
- Dr. Bregy provided information about how the District will handle funding for an unfunded mandate.

### **4) Discuss the Impacts of TK Expansion**

- Noah Margo advised that a better job could be done coordinating the Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA) along with City programs and events such as the Art Show.
- Class field trips to the Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts could be coordinated between the School and the Community Services Department.
- Jenny Rogers introduced the Community Services Department's new Arts & Culture Manager, Ben Johnson, as initiating an *ArtWalk* docent guided tour program and suggested students leading tours for their peers and writing the text for the tours which would appeal to younger people.
- The point people were discussed such as representatives in both the middle and high schools, the VAPA coordinator in addition to the Principals. Jenny Rogers will send an email coordinating all City staff to meet School staff.
- Mayor Wunderlich asked if the City places the school performances on the City's calendar. When submitted, the City does submit a social media posting.
- Councilmember Friedman additionally suggested announcing the Sports Programs, such as both baseball and football, out to the community.
- Jenny Rogers suggested the Department's Arts & Culture Calendar as a social media site where the school district could "hash tag" their events.

- Mary Wells suggested partnering local businesses with students for internship and mentorship opportunities that might be available. Mayor Wunderlich suggested reaching out to Todd Johnson at the Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce. Councilmember Friedman additionally suggested both the Police Department and the local hotels.
- Mary Wells also suggested students team up with City Commissioners and that the City consider the creation of Teen Beverly Hills as a subset of Team Beverly Hills.

#### **5) Future Agenda Items Discussion**

- No future agenda items were discussed.

#### **6) Adjournment**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Date / Time:

March 22, 2022 / 5:04 p.m.