



OSBMCC General Meeting (Virtual)

November 13, 2020 (Sat), 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

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Agenda and Notes

Members in attendance: Bill Graupp, Helen Ying, Sami Al-AbdRabbuh, Satya Chandragiri, Laura Isordia, Lori Theros, Linda Hamilton, Anthony Medina, Jose Aparicio, Sonja McKenzie, Orlando Perez, Erika Lopez, Neelam Gupta, Annie Valtierra-Sanchez, Donna Tyner, Yesenia Delgado, Jessica Arzate, Narce Rodriguez, Laurie Danzuka, Luhui Whitebear, and Janece Payne

Guests in attendance: Maureen Wolf, Dianne Mihocko, Betty Reynolds, Jamie MeLeod-Skinner, Aaron Barrow



1) Call to Order / Welcome

Bill called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm. He thanked everyone for the good work over the last 2 years and grateful to have had the chance to serve as the caucus president.

2) **Proposed 2021 Calendar**

Bill reviewed the attached proposed 2021 calendar.

- NSBA has not announced the format and date of the 2021 conference – stay tuned for updates. Virtual conference scholarship for the Symposium deadline is extended. Those interested in applying – please send application
- Calendar is fluid and subject to change

3) **Discussion on 2020 Convention Workshops**

- *Role of School Board Member in the Rollout of HB 2845*, 10:50-11:35am
- *Diversity in District Administration: The Role of School Boards*, 2:20-3:05pm
- *Overcoming the Digital Divide in Our Communities*, 2:20-3:05pm

Great workshops to be presented tomorrow! Rev/Dr. Bryant Marks is again the keynote speaker!

4) **Update from CUBE 2020 Virtual Conference**

Bill gave a report for the CUBE 2020 virtual conference.

- Primary contents were shared in a pre-recorded video with the speaker coming on live the last 20 minutes to answer questions
- The Chair of CUBE, Jacinto Ramos Jr. gave a live talk on different personalities of racism – one of the 2 keynote speakers. He is also the Fort Worth School District board chair. Will share link of Jacinto's keynote message
- Many workshops focused on changing behavior and dismantling institutional racism
- A very worthwhile 2-day conference. Missed the in-person networking though

Bill also shared that his essay was selected and now published in [Seats At The Table - School Board Members' Perspectives on Race & Racism - As told to Joshua Emmanuel Guillian](#) – it's available now on Amazon 😊 Congratulations to Bill!

5) **Election of New Leadership Council Members**

- Slate – Nominating Committee – Details on Pg 5
 - President: Sami Al-AbdRubbah (Corvallis)
 - Vice President: Bill Graupp (North Marion)

- Secretary: Helen Ying (Multnomah ESD)
 - Treasurer: Sonja Mckenzie (Parkrose)
 - District 1: Erika Lopez (Hillsboro)
 - District 2: Lori Theros (Klamath Falls)
 - District 3: Michelle DePass (Portland Public)
 - District 4: Luhui Whitebear (Corvallis)
 - District 5: Kathy Wai (North Clackamas)
 - At-Large 1: Jessica Arzate (Multnomah ESD)
 - At-Large 2: Narce Rodriguez (Forest Grove)
- Nominations from the floor - None
 - Vote by members – the slate was elected by a majority of members present
 - Satya thank the Caucus for their support during the time when he and the Salem-Kaiser SD were going through the recent struggles at the board level

A short discussion ensued.

All members introduced themselves and echoed that the Caucus is a source of support.

6) Open Discussion on District Equity / Solidarity Resolutions

- Annie shared their board's experience in adopting a policy on anti-racism. They went through a period of intense and emotional time
- Satya shared how Bryant Marks' presentation enabled him to go through struggles of community rage and attack that were heaped on him. He was able to pivot and helped the board see the big picture through data
- Bill echoed that data helps to discard myths and refocus assumptions
- Erika stressed the strength of bringing direct engagement for affinity groups of the BIPOC communities and have them talk to the board on a regular basis. Empowering the communities to have access to the board. Board members should not be the gatekeepers but to open the gate and let trusting relationships take root. Involve the students as well. Their district has dedicated staff who are assigned to the respective POC community groups. Childcare and dinners are also provided. Their family liaisons are designated to organize, facilitate the meetings and provide training for parents/guardians about the education system

- Donna shared how she has helped community members package their presentations and encourage them to make voices heard

7) Open Discussion on Upcoming Legislative Session

- Requests to Senator Lew Frederick:
 - All bills that pass in Oregon legislature should have a racial equity impact statement just like the financial statement
 - Mark the requirement of mandatory reporting for sexual abuse to be the same requirement for reporting hate
- Access to data
- How to evaluate the funding designation in the district budget and the board's role in accountability – are the funding received spent in what they were designated for?

8) Open Discussion on CDL / Ready School – Safe Learner (skipped due to time constraint)

9) Closing Statement from New President

Sami highlighted the teamwork of the Caucus and rallied for the team to continue ONWARD! **Lift up our students as our first priority.**

Congratulations to Sami!

(7:30) **Meeting adjourned**

Nominating Committee – Slate of Nominees for Leadership Council

Nomination	Candidate Name	School District	Current Term Dates	Strength #1	Strength #2	Strength #3	Cultural Affiliation	Gender
President	Sami Al-AbdRubbah	Corvallis	7/2017-6/2021 (next election 5/2021)	Strategic thinking and planning experience gives me the ability to support our mission with long term thinking mindset	Centering team and collaborative decision making in my leadership style with a track record in doing so in various roles on as school board chair, non-profits, and teaching	Good understanding of issues that matter to our BIPOC students and having strong relationships with key stakeholders in the state	Middle Eastern	Male, (He/Him/His)
Vice President	Bill Graupp	North Marion School District	7/2017-6/2021 (next election 5/2021)	Caucus leadership experience	Working relationship with OSBA staff	Advocacy with the state legislature	Asian	Male
Secretary	Helen Ying	MESD	7/2017-6/2021 (next election 5/2021)	Caucus leadership experience	Forward Thinking	Detail Oriented	Chinese American	Female
Treasurer	Sonja Mckenzie	Parkrose	7/2017-6/2021 (next election 5/2021)	Collaboration	Diplomatic	Resourceful	Black/African American	Female
District 1	Erika Lopez	Hillsboro	7/2017-6/2021 (next election 5/2021)	Strategic thinker	Facilitation	Vision Mapping	Latinx	Female
District 2	Lori Theros	Klamath Falls	Recently elected Vice Chair - Term expires 6-30-23	Good communication skills	Ability to solve conflict situations with a cool head	High level of responsibility and ability to be a team player	Native American - Enrolled member of the Oneida Tribe of Wisconsin and Descent of the Klamath Tribes	Female
District 3	Michelle DePass	Portland Public	7/2019-6/2023	People skills and connections with community	Change Management and Fundraising	Facilitation and disrupter	Panamanian-Black/Latinx	Female
District 4	Luhui Whitebear	Corvallis	current term until June 2021 (next election 5/2021)	Open-minded	Strong communication skills	Professional background in diversity & equity	Indigenous (Coastal Band Chumash/Téenek)	Female
District 5	Kathy Wai	North Clackamas	7/2017-6/2021 (next election 5/2021)	Experience in policy advocacy and knowledge of the Oregon Legislature as a former Civic Engagement Director for APANO and Leg. Director for Rep. Alissa Keny-Guyer	Effective community organizer in centering policy change on those who are most impacted by injustices	Strong intersectional social and racial justice lens	Southeast Asian	Female
At Large 1	Jessica Arzate	MESD	7/2017-6/2021 (next election 5/2021)	Cross-sector collaboration	Racial equity facilitation	Early learning and kindergarten readiness	Latinx	Female (She/her)
At Large 2	Narce Rodriguez	Forest Grove SD	Effective 2019 – 6/30/2023	Thirty years' experience in K-16 systems as a professional, parent and community member	Practical skills in facilitation, organization, listening and conflict resolutions	Knowledge of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion from a pedagogy, theory and implementations	Mexican/American	Female (she/her/ella)