

Student Attendance Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

December 9, 2022

1. Opening Items

1.01 Call to Order

Chair Roger Bahten called the Student Attendance Advisory Committee to order at 9:00 a.m. at the WCSD Administration Building, 425 East Ninth Street, Reno, Nevada.

1.02 Roll Call

Roger Bahten, Riley Killingsworth, Shelley Buchanan, Keri Pruitt, Jason Trevino, Lacey Keele was present at roll call. Charles Aglubat was not present. Liaison Rechelle Murillo was also present.

1.03 Public Comment

No public comments received.

2. Discussion, Presentation and Action Items

2.01 Approval of the minutes of the Student Attendance Advisory Committee meeting on September 2, 2022.

Keri Pruitt motioned to approve minutes of the September 2, 2022 S.A.A.C. meeting as presented, Jason Trevino seconded, all in favor, motion carries 6-0.

2.02 Discussion and possible action to select a Vice Chair of the Student Attendance Advisory Committee for a term ending June 30, 2023, from among the following: Charles Aglubat, Lacey Keele, Riley Killingsworth, Keri Pruitt, Jason Trevino (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

Jason Trevino motioned to elect Keri Pruitt as Vice Chair of the Student Attendance Advisory Committee for term ending June 30, 2023, Riley Killingsworth seconded, all in favor, motion carries 6-0.

2.03 Presentation and Discussion on chronic absenteeism data in the Washoe County School District for the 2022-23 school year.

Ms. Murillo reported current district chronic absenteeism numbers are hovering around 20-23% at this time, which is on par with the current national average. We are currently seeing more secondary students in Student Attendance Review Boards (SARB) than elementary, but in January referrals typically pick up and our appointment calendar gets booked up quickly. Discussion on sub-groups and different types of issues that contribute to chronic absenteeism.

2.04 Presentation and Discussion on the Washoe County School District's Intervention Department efforts to improve attendance based on District data from August, 2022 to December, 2022.

Ms. Murillo reported Attendance Officers maintain a caseload of 20-30 students on 20-day Attendance Monitors where they check in with the students at least weekly during the four week monitor. Some students respond and attendance improves, and some students whose attendance does not improve can be referred to SARB. Attendance Officers also attend individual school attendance meetings, which some schools hold weekly and some hold bi-weekly.

2.05 Presentation and Update on the Classroom Card Scanning Attendance Pilot Program currently at Robert McQueen and North Valleys High Schools.

Doug Taylor, Attendance Coordinator, reported the pilot program utilizing attendance scanning mechanisms is going well at the two high schools where it is currently piloted. Students enter classrooms, scan their I.D. cards, and the attendance reports directly to Infinite Campus. One teacher at Herz Middle School recently volunteered to pilot the program in her classroom as well. Discussion on benefits of this program and the possibility of expansion to other areas of the district.

3. Closing Items

3.01 There was no public comment.

3.02 The next meeting of the Student Attendance Advisory Committee will be March 10, 2023, 9:00 a.m., at the WCSD Administration Building Boardroom.

3.03 There being no further business, Mr. Bahten adjourned the meeting at 9:40 a.m.