

# **Student Attendance Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**

March 10, 2023

## **1. Opening Items**

### **1.01 Call to Order**

Roger Bahten called the Student Attendance Advisory Committee to order at 9:01 a.m. at the WCSD Administration Building, 425 East Ninth Street, Reno, Nevada.

### **1.02 Roll Call**

Roger Bahten, Riley Killingsworth, Shelley Buchanan, Lacey Keele, Jason Trevino were present at roll call. Keri Pruitt arrived at 9:04 a.m. Charles Aglubat was not present. Staff Liaison Rechelle Murillo was also present.

## **2. Discussion, Presentation and Action Items**

### **2.01 Approval of the minutes of the Student Attendance Advisory Committee on December 9, 2022 (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)**

On motion by Riley Killingsworth, seconded by Jason Trevino, all in favor, minutes for the December 9, 2022, Student Attendance Advisory Committee meeting approved as presented. (Yea: Roger Bahten, Jason Trevino, Keri Pruitt, Lacey Keele, Riley Killingsworth, Shelley Buchanan) Motion Carries 6-0.

### **2.02 Presentation and Discussion on chronic absenteeism data and intervention tools in the Washoe County School District for the 2022-23 School Year (FOR INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ONLY)**

Rechelle Murillo presented updated chronic absenteeism data and explained some of the newer absence coding used by the district. The current chronic absenteeism rate is sitting around 25%, which is up a little from last year during the same time period, but still lower than during the 20-21 and 21-22 school years. She also presented information on how and where some stats are pulled from and how they fluctuate. Discussion ensued around sub-categories, chronic absenteeism in relation to academic issues post-pandemic, and tools schools and staff have available to address attendance.

### **2.03 Presentation and Discussion on the progress of the Middle School Engagement Program for the 2022-23 School year (FOR PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ONLY)**

Ms. Murillo gave an update on the private citizen funded Middle School Engagement Program currently underway at six middle schools. We have three staff persons who each have two schools and are required to maintain 200 student caseloads. Staff are mentoring students in effort to curb absenteeism, and also provide an Introduction to Robotics class the private funder specifically wished to include in student engagement. A request was made to extend this program due to the district initially having trouble filling the positions, and the funder agreed to extend the program until December, 2024.

**2.04 Presentations from Attendance Officers on formal attendance monitors and other attendance interventions they provide (FOR PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ONLY)**

Intervention Department Attendance Officer's introduced themselves and each gave information on tools department staff use in effort to connect with, engage and mentor students who are experiencing chronic absenteeism, specifically truancy, including 20 Day Attendance Monitor contracts, weekly check-in's, the use of Student Attendance Review Boards as well as Habitual Truancy Citations when required. Discussion held on some of the challenges and rewards, and ideas on additional resources needed.

**3. Closing Items**

**3.01** No public comments.

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

**3.03** There being no further business, Mr. Bahten adjourned the meeting at 9:59 a.m.