

Student Attendance Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

June 10, 2022

1. Opening Items

1.01 Call to Order

Roger Bahten called the Student Attendance Advisory Committee to order at 9:03 a.m. at the WCSD Administration Building, 425 East Ninth Street, Reno, Nevada.

1.02 Roll Call

Roger Bahten, Jason Trevino, Riley Killingworth were present at roll call. Charles Aglubat was present by phone via MS Teams. Lacey Keele, Keri Pruitt were not present. Staff Liaison Rechelle Murillo was also present.

1.03 Public Comment

One general public comment email was received from J. Morabito.

2. Discussion, Presentation and Action Items

2.01 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE STUDENT ATTENDANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING ON MARCH 11, 2022.

On motion by Jason Trevino, seconded by Riley Killingworth, all in favor, minutes for the March 11, 2022, Student Attendance Advisory Committee meeting approved as presented. (Yea: Roger Bahten, Charles Aglubat, Jason Trevino, Riley Killingworth) Motion Carries 4-0.

2.02 PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ON CURRENT CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM DATA WITHIN THE WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Ms. Murillo reported current chronic absenteeism rates are hovering between 20-22%, which is much lower than school year 20/21 at 39%. The top cohort is 12th grade students, followed by Children in Transition, which is not atypical for an average school year.

2.03 PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF 2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT STUDENT ATTENDANCE REVIEW BOARD (SARB) OUTCOMES

Secondary post-SARB case manager, Nisa Butler, reported some of the services she was able to provide to post-SARB students included connection to our Family Resource Centers for food boxes, utility bill payments, and rental assistance based on economic issues. Nisa reported some parents were receptive to assistance and some appeared to have concerns about her being connected to to Child Protective Services. Nisa also reported the springtime bussing issues were sometimes used as excuses for the most chronically absent students to not go to school even if she or other staff offered rides.

2.04 PRESENTATION and discussion of potential goal setting for the Student Attendance Advisory Committee for the 2022-23 school year

Discussion regarding training and stat presentations to school administrators around chronic absenteeism with data on attendance and truancy.

3. Closing Items

- **3.01 Public Comment:** Doug Taylor, new Attendance Coordinator in the Intervention Department, advised he has completely revamped the Attendance Training for schools this year and received a lot of good feedback on the updated and simplified training materials.
- **3.02** The next meeting of the Student Attendance Advisory Committee will be September 9, 2022, at 9:00 a.m., at the WCSD Administration Building Boardroom.
- **3.03** There being no further business, Mr. Bahten adjourned the meeting at 9:35 a.m.