



**Minutes of Strategic Planning and Allocation of Resources Committee  
Held on February 9, 2023  
Zoom**

**Chairs Present:**

Lindsey Ayotte, Joe Morello, Ingrid Vargas

**Members Present:**

Kevin Corsiglia, Lorraine DeMello, Chelssee DeBarra, Connor Fitzpatrick, Ricardo Flores, Chris Gibson, Filipp Gleyzer, Jessica Hurless, Nancy Kaplan-Biegel, Ellen Murray, Vivian Paw, Shaun Perisho, Mustafa Popal, Jonathan Scott, Eureka Soriano, Miranda Wang, Karen Wong, Alice Yang

**Members Absent:** Luis Escobar, Ricardo Flores, Melissa Komadina, Elizabeth Llamas, Dino Nomicos, Gabe Saucedo, Tina Watts, Kenyatta Weathersby

**Guests:** Wendy Lee, Aaron McVean

**Resource Persons Present:**

Paul Cassidy, Judy Hutchinson, Zahra Mojtahedi, Becky Threewit (recorder)

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**1. SPARCKle Minutes:** The SPARCKle minutes agenda item question was “what recipe would you put on your gravestone?”

**2. GENERAL FUNCTIONS**

**2.1. Call to Order**

Lindsey Ayotte called the regular meeting to order at 2:24 p.m.

**3. ACTION ITEM(S)**

**3.1. Approve Agenda**

A motion was made by Karen Wong and seconded by Chris Gibson to approve the February 9, 2023 meeting agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

**3.2 Approve Minutes**

A motion was made by Ellen Murray and seconded by Nancy Kaplan-Biegel to approve the January 26, 2023 meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

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**4. DISCUSSION/REPORT**

**4.1. Melissa Moreno announcement:**

Dr. Moreno joined SPARC briefly to express gratitude for the work put into the Education Master Plan by the SPARC committee.

#### **4.2. Resource Allocation Task Force Update:**

Joe Morello provided a brief update on the Resource Allocation Task Force.

Joe walked the committee through the [Joint Analysis Governors Budget](#). Starting in July, the State Chancellor's office is making requests to the Governor's office for items to be included in the state budget. Then the Governor comes out with an estimated budget in January, which is revised until May, when the Governor releases a revised budget. If on time, the final budget will be approved by June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Some key takeaways:

- Revenues will be down this year due to a state deficit.
- This year will have very little one-time funding, compared with last year.
- There is \$200 million one-time funding available toward outreach and enrollment.
- We would get COLA for specific categorical programs including block grants, adult education, EOPS, DSPS, CalWORKS, COOP. A full list of COLA eligible programs can be viewed starting on page 13 of the Joint Analysis Governor's Budget [document](#).

#### **4.3. EMP Update:**

Committee Chair Ingrid Vargas provided a brief update on the Education Master Plan feedback edits. Ingrid shared a spreadsheet that shows the feedback by EMP goal which will be reviewed by SPARC in a future meeting. The feedback window will remain open until February 15, which will leave the committee about six weeks to integrate the feedback.

#### **4.4. District Report on SB893 (Free SMCCCD):**

Vice Chancellor Aaron McVean joined SPARC for an update on SB893, which provides free college to San Mateo County residents. It is a five-year pilot, but expectations are high that it will be extended at the end of that period. More than 12,000 students who reside in San Mateo are receiving support under SB 893. Total current cost for Spring is approximately \$3.5 million for just fees and enrollment fees account for just over \$3 million.

Additional types of support programs include transportation, child care, textbooks, technology, and materials/equipment. All of these support programs are costly, so the debate becomes about whether to fully support a smaller number of students or partially support a larger number of students. "Breadth vs depth." The district will continue to refine some of the



analysis and bring back to the Board in March. Aaron opened the discussion to questions and comments from the committee.

*- ZTC program development will substantially lower the cost to the District in reducing textbooks costs to students.*

*- If the District decides to discontinue this five-year plan, would it leave a cohort of students suddenly without support?*

*>While it is possible, action would ideally be taken to avoid that scenario.*

*- Can we tie additional support programs to student completion? In the beginning, offer only free courses, but add support programs after certain milestones have passed.*

*- In summary, there will be a change in terms of what we've done this Spring and Summer, but the Board will need to make those approvals first.*

*- Could we develop a survey to better ascertain student support needs?*

*- Is there any way to support international students with SB893?*

*>Only if the student has a "catastrophic need."*

*- Considering Skyline and Canada serve fewer San Mateo County residents than central CSM, will the District be considering an adjustment of budget allocations to account for this?*

Aaron's presentation slides can be viewed [here](#).

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## **NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

The next regular meeting will take place on Thursday, February 23, 2023.

## **5. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mustafa Popal and seconded by Jessica Hurless to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 4:01 p.m.