Measure AA Citizens Oversight Committee
Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 18, 2025
3:45-4:45 p.m.
TTUSD District Office: Conference Room A
11603 Donner Pass Rd., Truckee, CA 96161
North Tahoe High School: Library
2945 Polaris Rd., Tahoe City, CA 96145
(Two locations will be joined via Google Meet)

1. Meeting Called to Order
    a. Todd Rivera called the meeting to order at 3:50 p.m.
2. Welcome and Introductions
    a. Those in attendance at both lakeside and Truckee side locations introduced themselves.
3. Approval of Agenda
    a. Hien Larson motioned to approve the agenda; Julia Worster seconded; unanimous approval of agenda
4. Public Comment
    a. None
5. District Update
    a. Superintendent Kramer provided updates on the District and the Strategic Plan, and reviewed the presentation linked above
    b. TK and Kindergarten preview nights have been happening, and the last one is Thursday, 3/20, at Glenshire Elementary; new this year is that there will be a TK class at Donner Trail Elementary
    c. Middle school orientation nights are coming up
    d. Our facilities department has been preparing our Rideout campus for a new look and use, and has been clearing stored furniture out of the space; as part of our sustainability initiative, we are offering surplus furniture first to staff and then to the community for free

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e. With our revised school calendar with no ski skate week this year, a committee has been monitoring school attendance during the 3 days we did have school during that week, and found that attendance was similar to any Friday/Monday, and that there weren't increased absences; graph showed one outlier date with increased absences, which was a day where TTUSD called a 2 hour delayed start; determined that bus route times were not impacted by this; not as many independent study requests
f. Strategic Plan - Academic Achievement
    i. New California School Dashboard data tool that tracks how students did on state testing year by year; compares cohort growth as they progress over time; data shows that students are making growth
g. Strategic Plan - Support Systems
    i. CALM (Collective Action of Labor and Management) Committee reviewed the results of the Hanover Staff Morale Survey; survey showed that TTUSD is up 10% for staff satisfaction with work-life balance this year compared to last year; majority of staff feel they belong at the district/their school; the committee and school sites are reviewing the data further
    ii. Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation held a Youth Forum where students could share their perspectives, ideas, and priorities for future community initiatives; students were in small groups and were able to speak about their views while the adults listened; the top topics were mental health, immigration status, and substance issues; kids expressed that they want a safe and sober after hours place to hang out and that they want their parents to understand that it's okay to have mental health struggles/get help for these
    iii. Upcoming movie screening of Anxious Nation at North Tahoe High School (April 8) and Truckee High School (April 10); approximately 40 minute movie about mental health followed by a discussion panel and resource fair afterwards

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h. Strategic Plan - Community Connections
    i. Working on space clearing at Rideout campus to create an outdoor learning hub; great location with Ward Creek State Park and trails right out the door; Kings Beach Elementary is doing an Outdoor Education Overnight Prototype field trip in April; thank you to Excellence in Education for a grant to purchase bunk beds

6. Officer Elections - we are still looking for officers; please spread the word!

    a. Chairperson, Assistant Chairperson, Secretary

    b. We are also in the planning phase for our next Measure AA campaign; looking at a little earlier than originally planned; Measure AA parcel tax expires June 2028; with other initiatives in the area, we might look at going out as soon as June 2026; considering polling the community in July 2025; other initiatives include the library (Nov. 2025) and the Town of Truckee half cent sales tax for trails and roads (2026 time frame); the District contributes about $1.3 million to Measure AA programming, so we would look at increasing the Measure AA tax rate, but the increase would be dependent on polling results

7. Allowable Uses for Measure AA Expenditure Categories - document is a work in progress/ever changing document; are there expenditure categories anyone could use more information on?; already discussed technology category and adding instructional licenses as allowable expenses; question of if we lose the 1.8% Federal funding, would we look to increase the amount of Measure AA tax? Polling will give us more information on this

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8. Measure AA Site Highlight

    a. Tahoe Lake Elementary - Principal Stephanie Foucek reviewed highlights and photos from the handout, and discussed items in each category of the Measure AA Budget

    b. Sierra High School, Cold Stream Alternative, and Truckee River Program - Principal Jeff Santos reviewed highlights and photos from the handout, and discussed items in each category of the Measure AA Budget

9. Other Business

    a. Future Meeting Date: April 29, 2025

    b. TTUSD will bring the 25/26 Measure AA budget to this meeting

10. Adjournment

    a. Todd Rivera adjourned the meeting at 4:26 p.m.