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Date: April 30, 2009
To: Dr. J. Brian Sarvis, Superintendent
From: Michael J. Gonzalez, Director of Student Services and Compliance
Subject: Update on the Districts' Steering Committee for Gang Prevention and Intervention
Action: X (Time Required: 10 minutes)

Background

As directed by the Board on October 14, 2008, staff organized a steering committee to monitor and evaluate the work of the youth outreach worker and assist the districts in the development and implementation of an elementary and secondary gang prevention program.

Results

Invitations to join the committee were sent to selected public agencies and community-based organizations that work closely with high risk and gang-affiliated youth. The current committee has twelve members (Attachment 1).

The steering committee convened its first meeting in January 2009 and meets on the second Monday of each month (Attachment 2). The meetings follow the Brown Act and are open to the public.

The initial focus of the committee was to study the design of the outreach worker program, the approach that would be used by the candidate, and the selection process for the outreach worker. Once the outreach worker was hired, the focus of the committee shifted to orienting the outreach worker about our secondary schools and community resources. The current focus of the committee is monitoring the work of the outreach worker and organizing a sub-committee to work on a K-12 prevention curriculum.

Attached are copies of the minutes for the Youth Violence Prevention and Intervention Committee meetings: January 8, 2009 (Attachment 3); February 17, 2009 (Attachment 4); March 9, 2009 (Attachment 5); and April 13, 2009 (Attachment 6).

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SANTA BARBARA SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Youth Violence Prevention & Intervention Steering Committee

Purpose: To monitor and evaluate the work of the gang outreach workers and assist the districts in the development and implementation of an elementary and secondary gang prevention program

Members:

1. Kate Parker, Santa Barbara School Districts Board President
2. Annette Cordero, Santa Barbara School Districts Board Member
3. Dr. Victor Rios, University of California, Santa Barbara, Sociology Department
4. Sgt. Bernabe Gaona, Santa Barbara Police Department, Youth Services
5. Ben Romo, Santa Barbara County Education Office, Center for Community Education
6. Lennie Kwock, Santa Barbara County, Alcohol, Drug, and Mental Health Services, Program Manager
7. Jacqueline Inda, Esperanza
8. Vince Castro, All For One
9. Layne Wheeler, Santa Barbara Teachers Association, President
10. John Becchio, Santa Barbara Junior High School, Principal
11. Brian Sarvis, Santa Barbara School Districts Superintendent
12. Michael Gonzalez, Santa Barbara School Districts, Director

SANTA BARBARA SCHOOL DISTRICTS
Youth Violence Prevention & Intervention Committee
Superintendent's Conference Room
720 Santa Barbara Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Upcoming Committee Meetings

The Committee's regularly scheduled meetings (except in February) are on the second Monday of each month in the Superintendent's conference, Administration Office, Santa Barbara School Districts, 720 Santa Barbara Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101.

- ❖ Tuesday, February 17, 2009 9 a.m.
- ❖ Monday, March 9, 2009 9 a.m.
- ❖ Monday April 13, 2009 9 a.m.
- ❖ Monday, May 11, 2009 9 a.m.
- ❖ Monday, June 8, 2009 9 a.m.

SANTA BARBARA SCHOOL DISTRICTS
Youth Violence Prevention & Intervention Committee
January 8, 2009 Minutes

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 3:08 p.m. by Mr. Gonzalez

Members present:

Annette Cordero	SBSD Board Member
Ben Romo	SBCEO, Center for Community Education
Vince Castro	All For One
Brian Sarvis	SBSD Superintendent
Michael Gonzalez	SBSD, Director

Non Voting Members Present:

Philip Lopez-Aguado	UCSB Graduate Student
Bud Andrews	SBSD Staff

Flag Salute

The flag salute was led by Dr. Sarvis.

Public comments

None.

2. Membership Review

Mr. Gonzalez introduced two new members: Jacqueline Inda, from the Esperanza organization and John Becchio, Principal, Santa Barbara Junior High School. It was also agreed that Layne Wheeler SBTA, President would also be invited join the steering committee.

3. Discussion of Outreach worker program design change

Members unanimously voted to recommend to the Santa Barbara School District Board of Education that instead of hiring two outreach workers until the end of June 2009, one outreach worker should be hired for a period of one year.

4. Discussion of adoption of outreach worker curriculum

Mr. Lopez-Aguado, a UCSB Graduate student representing Dr. Victor Rios, presented a brief on five curriculum approaches for gang outreach work. It was agreed that the Santa Barbara School Districts would use the Individualized approach that focuses more on one-to-one mentoring.

5. Discussion of evaluation and monitoring plan

Mr. Gonzalez presented the evaluation plan developed by Dr. Rios. The Committee recommended that the plan needed to specify the scope of services and budget re-examined. Mr. Romo indicated that the Santa Barbara County Education Office needed a similar evaluation plan for their outreach program and would contact Dr. Rios to see if a similar plan could be developed for the SBCEO program with a shared cost with SBSD.

6. Discussion of Candidate Interviews

Mr. Gonzalez advised the membership that interviews were scheduled for January 16, 2009. Ms. Cordero and Mr. Castro volunteered to join the interview panel.

7. Discussion of Meeting Dates

Mr. Gonzalez agreed to contact the membership and establish a future meeting schedule.

8. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

SANTA BARBARA SCHOOL DISTRICTS
Youth Violence Prevention & Intervention Committee
Tuesday, February 17, 2009, 9:00 A.M.

Minutes

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**

Meeting called to order at 9:07 am by Dr. Sarvis.

Members present:

Sgt. Bernabe Gaona, Santa Barbara Police Dept.

Kate Parker, SBSB Board President

Dr. Victor Rios, Professor of Sociology, UCSB

Jacqueline Inda, Co-chair, Esperanza

Layne Wheeler, SBTA President

Ben Romo, SBCEO, Center for Community Education

Lennie Kwock (via speaker phone), SB County Alcohol, Drug, and Mental Health

Dr. Brian Sarvis, SBSB Superintendent

Michael Gonzalez, SBSB Director

Guests present:

Patrick Lopez-Aguado, UCSB Graduate Student

SBSB Outreach Worker

Dr. Sarvis briefly explained Brown Act which ensures that business is conducted in the open and that public input is invited.

Public Comments

None

2. **Approval of January 8, 2009 Minutes**

Motion passed.

3. **Membership Review**

Michael Gonzalez inquired if any committee members believed that an entity was not being represented.

-The Outreach Worker recommended Noel Gomez, Student Program Advisor, Santa Barbara City College.

-Mr. Wheeler suggested a school counselor with every day experience working with students. He recommended junior high counselor Ruben Gil, SB Junior High.

-Michael Gonzalez offered to contact Cindy Cole, Dos Pueblos High School for her suggestions.

-Dr. Sarvis reminded members that we should also target 6th graders going into junior high and so a junior high counselor might bridge this transition.

4. **Introduction of Outreach Worker**

The Outreach Worker gave some background information about himself. He is from Boyle Heights which is on the Eastside of Los Angeles. He was a high school dropout, returned to school, and graduated last year from UCSB with a degree in Chicano Studies with a minor in Indigenous Studies. He has been working with high risk junior high and high school youth.

At UCSB he started *Barrio to Academia* conferences in 2006 that brought gang youth and other high risk youth to a university setting.

5. **Discussion of assignment and training needs of Outreach Worker**

-The Outreach Worker will attempt to meet all respective partners (community-based organizations).

-Dr. Sarvis stated that the Outreach Worker should start with the schools and get to know how schools work, and learn the personalities of the different staff.

-Dr. Rios stated that each agency has own way of operating, and this committee could serve as a buffer for the Outreach Worker with all the different agencies.

-Mr. Romo stated that expectations should be realistic for the broader community.

-Dr. Sarvis stated that the Outreach Worker keep documentation/log which includes contact name and hours.

-Mr. Kwock stated that "the process" with each organization should also be in the documentation for future reference.

-Michael Gonzalez reported that he and Fred Razo are working on a parent release form for students on probation who are gang-affiliated so that the Outreach Worker can begin to work with them. Probation has stated that they would permit release of some information for these students to the district, but these students could only be referred to community based organizations that have had their staff cleared through the fingerprinting process.

-Mr. Wheeler would like a breakdown of how the Outreach Worker's day is divided.

-Dr. Sarvis suggested that the committee make a list of the groups and names of individuals that the Outreach Worker should contact:

MADIC: AllForOne, Primo boxing, Turf to Surf, Youth CineMedia;
Alex Cruz, School Resource Officer; Sergeant Baker, Street Crime Unit, SB Police Dept;
Police Activities League (PAL), Officer Kent Wojciechoski; Substance Abuse agencies;
Sylvia Talaugon, SB Juvenile Services, 692-4840; and Marcus Lopez, Housing Authority,
730-1188

6. **Discussion (possible action or recommendations) of evaluation and monitoring plan for outreach worker program**

-Dr. Sarvis stated that one board member suggested that there may be a conflict of interest with a member of steering committee evaluating this program.

-Dr. Rios stated that he could attend the meetings but only as a visitor not as a committee member.

-Michael distributed the joint report from UCSB and La Casa de la Raza: Strengthening Families: A Preliminary Report Regarding Youth Violence on the South Coast. He explained that about 50 Latino leaders met on three occasions and put together a series of recommendations on reducing youth violence in our community.

-Ms. Parker indicated that board members and principal councils should receive a copy of the UCSB/La Casa joint report.

- Ms. Inda stated the importance of statistics to help in the evaluation of the long-term success of the program. She stated that we need a percentage to evaluate whether or not the program is successful and for future funding.
- Mr. Romo stated that in submitting the next budget, Dr. Rios should consider including the benefits accrued to the district not paid for in the evaluation.
- Dr. Sarvis stated the research shows that students who are connected to the school are more likely to have success in high school. (Co-curricular activities: sports, music, etc.)
- Michael Gonzalez stated that the cost for the evaluation program could be streamlined so that not only county schools but maybe the City can also help fund the evaluation program.
- Mr. Wheeler stated that CTA funded \$10,000 to SB Junior High. The monies would be used in a program in conjunction with the family component.
- Dr. Rios stated that he was not ready to share curriculum he is currently developing based on the input provided by the gang members he is meeting with. He suggested that the Outreach Worker meet with Los Compadres and other communities who have a proven curriculum and then make adjustments for Santa Barbara.
- Michael Gonzalez brought up the GRIP curriculum – and the research behind it. He stated that the Community Collaborative Foundation is currently using the *Palabra* program, but did not know about the evaluation component for the program. He said maybe he could invite Mario to meet with committee.
- Future agenda items: Consider creating two committees one for Prevention and another for Intervention; Recommendations/comments from school staff about reducing gang violence; Outreach Worker to report on what he is doing; SBTA description of CTA funded projects at SBJHS & Franklin.

7. **Discussion of Item # 15 - Presentation on the School Districts' and City's Collaboration in Response to Youth Violence of the Joint Santa Barbara School Districts/Santa Barbara City Council Meeting Agenda of February 27, 2009**

- Michael Gonzalez distributed the powerpoint slides #24-28 that Don Olson has prepared for the Joint meeting.
- Michael Gonzalez suggested the City should be contacted about assisting with funding of the evaluation program. Reminded the committee that this past summer 2008, a consortium including staff from City, SBCEO, AllForOne, Los Compadres and SBSD operated a successful Bridge program for 82 gang affiliated students using a case management approach and of this number 31 participants were currently enrolled in district schools and so it may be appropriate to have the City share in the funding of this program.
- Mr. Lopez-Aguado asked if he could attend the Executive Council Meeting on March 4th. Dr. Sarvis replied that he would have to speak to Jim Armstrong.
- Michael will send copies of the entire presentation prior to the joint meeting to committee members.

8. **Adjournment**

Next Meeting Announced: March 9, 2009 at 9 a.m.
Meeting Adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

SANTA BARBARA SCHOOL DISTRICTS
Youth Violence Prevention & Intervention Committee
Monday, March 9, 2009, 9:00 A.M.

Minutes

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**

Meeting called to order at 9:06 am by Dr. Sarvis.

Members present:

John Becchio, Principal, SB Junior High
Annette Cordero, SBSD Board Member
Sgt. Bernabe Gaona, Santa Barbara Police Dept.
Michael Gonzalez, SBSD Director
Jacqueline Inda, Co-chair, Esperanza
Lennie Kwock, SB County Alcohol, Drug, and Mental Health
Dr. Victor Rios, Professor of Sociology, UCSB
Ben Romo, SBCEO, Center for Community Education
Dr. Brian Sarvis, SBSD Superintendent
Layne Wheeler, SBTA President

Guests present:

Patrick Lopez-Aguado, UCSB Graduate Student
SBSD Outreach Worker

Public Comments

None

2. **Approval of February 17, 2009 Minutes**

Motion passed.

3. **Membership Review**

- Mr. Gonzalez announced that Noel Gomez, Student Program Advisor, Santa Barbara City College will be invited to join the committee.
- Mr. Gonzalez raised the question about whether or not youth should be represented in the committee.
- Dr. Sarvis had concerns about having one voice that drives the direction of the committee. Is it broad and inclusive enough?
- The Outreach Worker stated that he would be developing an anonymous survey for schools. He would collect data and share findings with the committee.
- Mr. Romo stated that a committee may not be a good use of student time. He stated that maybe the committee could help build mechanism for the future so kids who are back on track could share with committee what is effective- and in turn, this would empower them.
- Dr. Rios asked what message would be sent out to have a young person in the committee. Overall symbol has a lot of power. Dr. Rios agreed that the young person would not represent all youth in Santa Barbara. He also stated that the young person

would have to be involved and is engaged in the community. He stated that the committee was going into this direction.

- Mr. Wheeler asked if the student could be alienated from peers as they become part of the solution.
- Mr. Romo asked if Ms. Inda may have some suggestions about particular young people who could be represented in the committee.
- Ms. Inda stated that she did not know if students were ready and able to distinguish between what is going on and the perception of what other kids say about them.
- Sgt. Gaona stated that he liked the idea of using the survey to get feedback and as group evolves maybe a subcommittee could be developed.
- Mr. Wheeler pointed out that the Outreach Worker is the eyes and ears of the committee and he would bring committee up to date.

4. **Status Report - Outreach Worker**

- Outreach Worker stated that people are starting to call him.
- He has met with Los Compadres, MADIC, Ben Romo, and on a continuous basis with Dr. Rios.
- Outreach Worker stated that he and Raquel Lopez will present a Youth and Parent Conference with different organizations.
- The Outreach Worker states that he is meeting staff at some school sites and speaking to parents. He feels comfortable with parents and is also able to speak the language.
- He is meeting with at-risk students that are referred to him by school staff.
- The Outreach Worker stated that he is trying to meet with staff and faculty at school sites, however, many of them can not meet with him until August. He would like to make formal presentations.
- Ms. Cordero stated that schools need to be informed that meeting with the Outreach Worker is a Board priority and the Board expects schools to meet with him sooner than June. Ms. Cordero suggested that Outreach Worker meet with the school staff even if it is for 10-15 minutes to introduce himself to staff, and to let them know what the Outreach Worker is doing. She recommended that the Outreach Worker could make full presentations to staff at a later time.
- Mr. Gonzalez reminded the committee that the Outreach Worker will make contact with the 31 youngsters in the summer Bridge Program.
- Mr. Romo stated that the committee should clearly state the priorities for the Outreach Worker. His first priority is to connect with student and build case load, and connect with services on a student by student basis.
- Ms. Inda agreed that the Outreach Worker will be working with the 31 Bridge students and these students will share what is working.
- Dr. Sarvis stated that although the position runs until the end of January 2010, the Board expects a report by end of the current school year.
- Mr. Romo stated that meeting with staff and faculty are a longer term effort and is an institutional change that may have resistance to change.
- Ms. Cordero expressed concerns about addressing the system and underlining problems.

5. **Santa Barbara Junior High School's CORE Program Report**

- John Becchio, Principal, and Elise Simmons, teacher, made a presentation to the committee regarding the CORE Program at Santa Barbara Junior High. Mr. Becchio stated that the CORE Program is a part of the systematic pyramid of interventions provided to students. Mr. Becchio explained that after the death of Angel Linares the school evaluated their programs and decided to create after school tutoring for their most at-risk students. For the first year, they had an initial private donation of \$10,000.

Their goal was to find a way to connect with students and to have the students meet their objectives. The program is based on "Adventures" with the students: ropes courses, whale watching, etc.

By the second year, the school used \$8,000 and the same private party as before matched the funds. They concentrated on 7th graders with poor citizenship, poor grades, and teacher referrals. These students are given a class period where they meet with a teacher. The class is a supervised study hall to assist students with class and home work; the teacher assists each student to chart what is needed to graduate, counselor makes home visits.

This semester the school started a separate girls group. SBTA donated \$7,500. The Women's Fund also made a \$70,000 contribution to continue the program. The activities for the girls include craft projects, working on scrap books, and being able to go to a place where the girls feel safe.

The CORE Program is evaluating citizenship, work habits, and GPA for these students. They are using a GPA baseline from last year in tracking students. They have found that the GPA was overall higher the first quarter, and not as good this current term.

They anticipate introducing a work component next year.

6. **Discussion (possible action or recommendations) of evaluation and monitoring plan for outreach worker program**

- Mr. Lopez-Aguado stated that Dr. Rios is in the process of developing a questionnaire. He is also working with the Outreach Worker on the questionnaire that could be given every four months, as needs change.
- He also shared with the committee that they are in the process of applying for human subjects approval w/UCSB.
- Dr. Sarvis asked when Dr. Rios would be able to send the contract for the evaluation of the Outreach Worker position. Mr. Lopez-Aguado replied that it would be in the next two weeks.
- Mr. Gonzalez stated that Dr. Cynthia White will be having a series of staff development workshops a week after school ends, and that this could be a time for the Outreach Worker to make presentations.
- Dr. Sarvis stated that that staff development for teachers in August will include a presentation by Anthony Mohammad.

7. **Adjournment**

Meeting Adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

SANTA BARBARA SCHOOL DISTRICTS
Youth Violence Prevention & Intervention Committee
Monday, April 13, 2009, 9:00 A.M.

Minutes

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**

Meeting called to order at 9:06 am by Dr. Sarvis.

Members present:

Annette Cordero, SBSB Board Member
Michael Gonzalez, SBSB Director
Jacqueline Inda, Co-chair, Esperanza
Kate Parker, SBSB Board President
Dr. Victor Rios, Professor of Sociology, UCSB
Ben Romo, SBCEO, Center for Community Education
Dr. Brian Sarvis, SBSB Superintendent
Layne Wheeler, SBTA President

Guests present:

Patrick Lopez-Aguado, UCSB Graduate Student
SBSB Outreach Worker

Public Comments

None

2. **Approval of March 9, 2009 Minutes**

Motion passed.

3. **Membership Review**

Mr. Gonzalez stated that Noel Gomez, Student Program Advisor, Santa Barbara City College had not responded yet to the invitation to join the committee.

Mr. Gonzalez notified the committee that the all minutes will be distributed to Board Members in the Board Brief.

4. **Status Report – SBSB Outreach Worker**

Outreach Worker reported that that he is now at all schools, but that it is challenging to be at each school site each week. He stated that he sometimes has groups of 100 students instead of the 50 students that are expected because sometimes students simply show up to the workshops and presentations he has organized.

Summary of Status Report included:

He stated that between 8 am–11 am he conducts workshops at schools; 11 am-3 pm meets with individual students; and after 3 pm schedules agency visits and meetings.

He stated that more girls want to participate in his presentations.

The workshops and presentations focus on issues of identity, culture, youth violence, gangs and the importance of school.

He expressed how well La Cuesta students from the Eastside and Westside can be housed together in one building and get along.

He stated that a high number of students are looking for jobs. He stated that he will be meeting with Fred Razo to discuss the job issue because jobs will help keep the students off the streets, especially this summer.

He stated that he is working on a Photo Show at all schools. The students have been given cameras to take pictures of daily life. The pictures will be developed and will be on display at La Casa de la Raza. El Puente students are already developing their pictures.

He stated that he is looking into the Community Leadership Institute (sponsored by Just Communities) in which 50 high school students participate in a week long workshop.

He stated that some administrators like his presence on site; others not giving him referrals. He is having challenges with teachers and staff, and this might be alleviated if he would be able to have workshops at schools to be officially introduced. His largest group of students is from San Marcos High School.

He stated that field trips will begin in the month of May.

- Mr. Gonzalez stated that the Outreach Worker will be working this summer to create a bridge program for the students is currently working with similar in design to what took place last summer. Fred Razo has received 40 referrals from the Probation Department of youths on probation with gang terms and conditions, thirty-one of these students are currently enrolled in districts schools. The Outreach Worker will work with Fred Razo to coordinate summer services for these students.
- Mr. Romo expressed concern about a case load of over 50 students, how the Outreach Worker handled case management, referrals, home visits, and responding to truancy issues. He distributed a sample of an Intake document from the SBCEO. He stated that their case managers rely on office staff for referrals. He stated that the Outreach Worker's approach was a little different, and he just wanted to make sure that the Outreach Worker was able to establish connections with case managers and other organizations to have access to support systems that exist for referrals.
- Mr. Gonzalez suggested that the assessment instrument developed last summer could be used by the Outreach Worker to assess the status and needs of the students the he is working with.
- Mr. Wheeler wanted the Outreach Worker to address how he is getting his direction and his contact/interaction on site.

5. **Status Report – California Gang Reduction, Intervention & Prevention Program (CalGrip)**

Mr. Gonzalez announced that the City had been awarded a \$400,000 California Gang Reduction, Intervention and Prevention Program grant (CalGRIP) grant from the Attorney Generals Office to assist the City's anti-gang initiatives. A copy of the *Summary of CalGRIP Grant to City of Santa Barbara* was distributed. The objectives of the grant are listed as Prevention/Education, Intervention/Education, and Suppression. The funds are

to be distributed as follows: City of Santa Barbara-\$57,000; Community Action Commission-\$141,500; Santa Barbara County Education Office -\$45,000; Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse /Fighting Back-\$145,125; and Supplies-\$11,375.

The Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse /Fighting Back proposes to teach the *Second Step* curriculum to 6th grade students at 5 Title I Schools: Adams, Cleveland, Franklin, Harding, and McKinley Schools. The program is for a period of 15 weeks with 1 hour sessions.

- Dr. Sarvis stated that the CADA proposal will augment the current DARE program.
- Dr. Rios asked if there was any possibility that adjustments could be made to the allocation and the curriculum proposed.
- Mr. Gonzalez stated that he is not familiar with the *Second Step* curriculum, but that he would research it.
- Mr. Wheeler wanted to know if the Outreach Worker would be available at the schools to present the curriculum.
- Dr. Sarvis stated that studies indicate third grade would be a more suitable grade for a prevention-type curriculum.

6. **Discussion (possible action or recommendations) of Study Agreement Evaluation of the SBSB Gang Intervention Specialist Program**

Dr. Rios distributed his proposed Study Agreement for the Evaluation of the Santa Barbara School Districts Gang Intervention Specialist Program and a sample student survey. The scope and objectives of his study include: pre, mid-point, and post services surveys to students to measure the effectiveness of the Outreach Worker.

Dr. Rios explained that the process would include shadowing the Outreach Worker, taking notes, and observing him interacting with the youth.

Overall objective is to validate how well the Outreach Worker has connected with youth; has youth reconnected with parents and community; and is student engaged with school.

He also stated that the survey would not be confidential since the data is needed for the evaluation of the program.

- Ms. Cordero wanted to know who would fill out the survey and what assistance would be available? Since the survey may be difficult for a low level reader to complete. She also suggested wording changes to the survey to simply responses: Dr. Rios explained he and his staff would assist the respondents.
- Dr. Sarvis explained that the final agreement will be sent to the Board for approval and recommended that Dr. Rios include in his proposal the anticipated number of hours (to include time for student survey, observation, data collection, data analysis, written report) and final cost.

7. **Discussion (possible action or recommendations) of Separate Youth Violence Committee focused on Prevention**

Mr. Gonzalez requested a discussion on the possibility of creating a separate committee to focus on prevention.

- Mr. Romo stated that there is a need to look at prevention as a separate function. He noted that the Outreach Worker is already working with students who are too late for prevention. He said that it would require a community-based approach as it goes beyond education.

- Ms. Inda reminded the committee of the existing Phoenix Model.
- Ms. Cordero agreed with a community-wide program, but said that could also be a lengthy process as we currently have students who are in need of a prevention program. She stated that if there are two different groups- one working on intervention and one working on prevention, there should be some structural connections between the committees.
- Dr. Sarvis reminded the committee that the school district is currently teaching the *Too Good for Violence* curriculum. He also suggested bringing in curriculum staff (Dr. White).
- Mr. Gonzalez stated that the CalGRIP Grant is an opportunity for the district to form a sub-committee that includes representatives from our elementary schools to study an effective prevention curriculum.

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8. **Adjournment**

Next Meeting Announced: May 11, 2009 at 9 a.m.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:38 a.m.