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## Board of Trustees – Teaching and Learning Committee Meeting

May Butler Center | 55 S. Rodney Ave  
Wednesday, January 29, 2020 – 12:00pm

### MINUTES

#### ATTENDANCE

*Committee:*      *Others:*

Sarah Sullivan, Committee Chair	Terry Beaver, Trustee
Libby Goldes, Committee Member	Tyler Ream, Superintendent
Siobhan Hathhorn, Committee Member	Josh McKay, Assistant Superintendent
	Barb Ridgway, Chief of Staff
	Joslyn Davidson, Curriculum & Instruction Administrator
	Gary Myers, Education Technology Coordinator
	Jane Shawn, HEA President

#### I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order at 1:30pm by Committee Chair, Sarah Sullivan.

#### II. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

None was offered.

#### III. REVIEW OF AGENDA

No changes were requested.

#### IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No changes were requested.

#### V. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

##### A. Panorama Education Update

Dr. Ream announced a one-year partnership with Panorama Education for student, staff, and family surveys. He said the first survey will be sent this spring, and future frequency will be established after gauging people's perceptions and determining what is actionable from the surveys.

Dr. Ream addressed Panarama's ability to maintain confidentiality in two parts:

1. Confidentiality for all survey takers is ensured by removing subsections of data that are too small to maintain confidentiality.
2. The contract with Panorama complies with new privacy laws, specifically as they relate to student privacy.

Ms. Sullivan voiced her appreciation to Dr. Ream for his work and quick turnaround on this deliverable.

Ms. Hathhorn addressed Ms. Shawn and asked if she felt the educators would have enough trust that this product would maintain confidentiality. Ms. Shawn said they would and added she had already begun talking about the surveys in representative councils.

#### B. Assessment Platform

Dr. Ream said, through negotiations, the current cost for a three-year contract with Pandora Education was \$77,000. He asked the committee for feedback on the Panorama Education presentation and direction for the next steps to be taken.

Ms. Sullivan asked the price for a single year, and Dr. Ream answered \$45,000. Ms. Goldes asked for pricing on a comparable product. Dr. Ream answered a proposal was only obtained from Panorama Education. Ms. Goldes asked what percentage of the overall budget was \$77,000, and Dr. Ream replied that it was nominal.

Ms. Sullivan voiced her appreciation for the principals' attendance at the committee meeting.

#### **VI. BOARD COMMENTS**

None were offered.

#### **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 2:38pm by Ms. Sullivan. The next Teaching and Learning Committee meeting will be at noon on March 4, 2020.