SCHOOL SAFETY/SCHOOL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Eric Roudabush, Chairperson

Jennifer Bradford, Vice Chairperson

Chris Finley, Recording Secretary

 Robert Ellis, Board Liaison

Alva Rivera, Co-Consultant

Helen Farias, Co-Consultant

Toni Trigueiro, Legislative Advocate

MAJOR POLICY – Immediate Action (2/3rd Vote Required)

None

Major policy – First Reading

None

Major policy – Second Reading

None

other items for immediate action

None

referrals to the board of directors

None

matters pending

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“The school safety and management committee will develop policy and recommend guidelines and procedures for school districts to follow in the event of fires, electrical outages and poor air quality.”

informational items

1. Chairperson Eric Roudabush thanked the returning committee members for their work.
2. Chairperson Eric Roudabush addressed the current COVID crisis, as well as the demonstrations demanding racial justice. He recognized the trauma students are experiencing in these extraordinary times, and the necessity for educators to provide support now and in the coming years. He further acknowledged the importance of the School Safety/School Management committee in ensuring CTA policy is used to inform lawmakers. He encouraged members to engage in campaigning for Schools and Communities First, as well participate in campaigns at the state and federal level to provide additional funding for public education.
3. Chairperson Eric Roudabush facilitated a committee discussion regarding the safe reopen of school, as well as issues of racial injustice in public education and our communities. The discussion will serve as a frame for the committee’s work next year.
4. Board Liaison Robert Ellis thanked committee members for their work, held nominations for committee positions, and conducted elections.
5. Eric Roudabush was elected Chair. Chris Finley was elected Vice Chair. Monique L. Segura was elected Recording Secretary.

1. Staff Consultant Helen Farias reviewed the C4OB Bargaining Advisory regarding SB 419 which goes into effect on July 1, 2020. SB 419 amends Education Code Section 49800 to expand the prohibition of suspension and expulsion for willful defiance and disruptive behavior to grades 4 and 5 permanently and to grades 6 through 8 for a trial period, until July 1, 2025. She reminded the committee the intent of SB 419 is to ensure students of color are not disproportionately suspended from school thereby contributing to the school to prison pipeline. Staff Consultant Alva Rivera reviewed the C40B bargaining advisories *Health and Safety: What will it take to reopen schools?* and *Bargaining a Return to Work During the COVID-19 Pandemic and Difficult Economic Times (initial advice)*. The advisories are available on the C4OB site on CTA.org.
2. Legislative Advocate Toni Trigueiro provided a state budget update and explained the Senate and Assembly have provided an alternative budget than the May Revise. Budget negotiations continue but the legislature must adopt a budget by June 15, 2020 with a revision possible during the summer. She shared that CTA was consulted by a group of activists seeking support for an executive order to delay or dismiss suspension and/or expulsion hearings begun prior to school closures because of COVID-19.  CTA asked for specific examples where suspension or expulsion hearings were being conducted during school closures.  None were provided.  In addition, CTA was consulted regarding potential CDE guidelines for “mandated reporters” during distance learning.
3. The Committee thanked Alva Rivera for 25 years of service as CTA staff, and for serving as staff liaison for School Safety/School Management. The Committee wishes her much happiness in retirement! In addition, the Committee thanked Wendi Davis for 9 years as a State Council Representative serving on School Safety/School Management.