

**The Education Committee of the SW Common Council**  
Wednesday, December 26, 2018  
6:30 to 8:00 pm at  
Arnett Branch Library, 310 Arnett Boulevard  
**Minutes Posted on:** [www.locationSW.org/group/sw-education-forum](http://www.locationSW.org/group/sw-education-forum)

**Attendance:**

**Joe Baldino** School #29 Principal, 490-2245, [joseph.baldino@rcsdk12.org](mailto:joseph.baldino@rcsdk12.org)  
**John Boutet** SWCC Education Committee Chair, 328-4271, [jboutet@frontiernet.net](mailto:jboutet@frontiernet.net)  
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**1. Introductions**

**2. Latest Development on Superintendent's Selection**

- Interim Superintendent will be Dan Lowengard; Linda Cimusz will be Chief of Staff.

**3. Review Developments in Aquino Report Reaction: Report Meetings, Mayor's Community Input Sessions,**

**Group Takeaways:**

- Superintendent Session
  - Not a job for someone who has never been a Superintendent before.
  - Doing a national search; it was noted that, in Texas, Superintendent makes \$300,000; it will be hard to compete with Superintendent salaries across the country; RCSD is approximately \$250,000.
  - Meetings have not had high attendance.
  - Several meetings are recorded and can be watched on the Internet
- Aquino Report
  - Link to 12/13/18 Aquino Report: [2018 12 13 Aquino Report 1st Public Meeting](#)
  - Busing not addressed in Aquino Report nor by School Board; State issue
  - Mayor invited to tonight's meeting; hoping her Albany contacts might help move the busing issue forward

**4. School 3, 10, 16, 19, 29, 44 – Updates**

- School #29
  - On plan for school revitalization in 2019 (first round of Phase 3)
  - To Freddie Thomas for a year in June of 2020
  - Playground rehabilitation will be put on hold
  - Will keep half-court basketball court
  - Heating and AC units will be upgraded
  - Little Free Library in neighborhood across the street needs re-lamination on its door
  - Have many books left and supply can be replenished
- School #44
  - Last we have heard, renovation would be in Phase 3 or 4. There hasn't been new talk about closing the school. We don't know if the RCSD shortfall might have an impact on that status.
  - Principal, Rodney Moore, positive about his new position; formerly principal of School #3
- School #16
  - In February, hoping school will participate in 19<sup>th</sup> Ward's Candlelight Dinners

**5. Wilson Commencement – Update**

**SWCC Education Committee Chair, John Boutet**, 328-4271, [jboutet@frontiernet.net](mailto:jboutet@frontiernet.net)  
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- None.

## **6. OACES, CFC YouthBuild – Updates**

- YouthBuild
  - Open House 12/13 at 121 Lincoln Ave was a great success; wide variety of attendees: neighbors, teachers, CFC staff, interested candidates, employers
  - Recruiting for next cohort to begin in mid-January.
  - John B. suggested speaking at School #44 parent meeting as school is located a block away from YB; Eleanor will also bring fliers to School #29
  - Though CFC YouthBuild starting in partnership with OACES, it currently operates independently from them. An agreement has been reached with REOC to provide high school equivalency resources.
  - YB Mentors work with students from beginning of program; part of their job is to help them get their driver's licenses a common barrier to employment.

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