

DPO Education Caucus Minutes
Saturday, Jan. 22, 2022

1. Welcome/Introductions Present: Mary Byers-Grose, Scott Hays, Kathleen Jeskey, Gregg Heacock, Mary Thamann, Lisa Stiller, Dr. Sami Al-Abdrabbuh, Heidi Casper, Pat Eck, Peter Hall, Randy Knop, Diana Cubbage and Dr. Rosa Colquitt

2. Old Business:

- **Resolution on Private, For-Profit Charter Schools:** The resolution which was developed by our Subcommittee members was presented. Discussion about whether everyone had enough time to see it and concerns about whether it was necessary since school boards were accountable for their charter schools. Sami moved to adopt and move the resolution forward and Lisa seconded. Passed 11-0 (2 members arrived late and thus missed this vote).

3. New Business

- **By-laws revision:** The proposed amendments to our Caucus bylaws were presented. Randy proposed adding a clause to provide an appeal process. Scott suggested adopting this amendment and then adding an appeal process for adoption at the next meeting. Rosa Colquitt spoke about a Proud Boy who joined the Black Caucus. The Black Caucus then adopted a policy to determine if members were what they claimed to be. Black Caucus does not send out a statewide open link, but only invites members who have been properly vetted. Randy Knop moved to adopt the amendments to the Bylaws with the promised addition of an appeals process to be presented at the next Caucus meeting, and Mary seconded: Passed unanimously. Kathleen and Scott will develop the proposal for an appeals process and present it at the next meeting
- **Criterion School Preservation: Paul Eck** Oregon Retired Educators Association (OREA) has been working on preserving/restoring Criteria School, housed on Oregon State Fair Grounds. This school was placed on the fairgrounds as a tribute to public ed. in 1976 during the US Bicentennial. It was moved there from Maupin. It has been there for 40 years. When the roof began to leak in 2019, OREA took out a loan for \$10K to replace the roof. OREA has also funded replacing windows and making the building ADA accessible. and has partnered with a number of other organizations in their efforts. Are working currently on historical preservation designation. Have also had student volunteers work on building. Will be meeting with Colt Gil to try and rein-volve ODE since they were the originators of the building being moved to the fair-grounds. Oregon Grange which has a log cabin there has also been partnering. Would like to make a family picnic area between school and cabin and make signage honoring public ed. and hoping to do presentations specific to different public school workers (librarians, school nurses, teacher of the year, etc.) during the week of the State Fair

Good of the order/Announcements:

- Sami announced his official candidacy for Representative in Congressional District 4 (Peter DeFazio's seat). He can be reached at: <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/samiforcongress> <https://samioregon.com/>
- Lisa announced that Washington County will be rescheduling its forum on school boards soon
- Mary and Randy would like a copy of the Resolution and may present it to their county parties