



City of Madison

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Meeting Minutes - Approved EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Wednesday, March 11, 2020

5:30 PM

Meets 2nd Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m.
Madison Municipal Building
215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Room 202

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Linda Vakunta; Tag Evers; Nichelle Nichols; ananda mirilli; Carousel Andrea S. Bayrd and Heidi Wegleitner

Absent: 2 - Shiva Bidar and Gloria Reyes

Staff present: Mary O'Donnell, Tariq Saqqaf, Nathan Beck

Mirilli called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm.

Mirilli reminded the committee to email Becky at rschesny@cityofmadison.com if they are unable to attend the meeting. Otherwise the expectation is that members will be in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Nichols, seconded by Evers to make the following edits: add (formerly Education Committee) on p.2 after City, County, School Collaborative Committee and to remove "and Goals" from the next line on p. 2. Motion passed by voice vote.

Motion by Evers, seconded by Vakunta to approve minutes with edits listed. Motion passed by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [58907](#) Discussion and Potential Recommendations for Committee Membership

Attachments: [City Committee Membership examples.pdf](#)
[MGO 33-28 Education Committee.pdf](#)

Mirilli discussed the group consensus to include youth and resident members. The Mayor's Office will be working with the Dane County Executive office regarding future collaborative work of the Education Committee. The Committee will wait for the outcome of those discussions before any additional discussion re: potential changes to the membership. The Committee agreed

that it is important that any membership additions be driven by the needs of the identified priorities.

2. [58908](#) Discussion and Determination of Protocol/Process for Selecting and Moving Forward on Priority Topics
Mirilli discussed transportation as a priority and the next item on the agenda. Committee began discussion of item #3 to include item #2.

3. [58909](#) Discussion of Information about Transportation and Pilot Bus Pass Program for MMSD Students and Recommendations for Next Steps
Saqqaf discussed Mayor's Office wanting access to bus passes for all middle school and high school youth that qualify for free/reduced lunch and live beyond 1.5 miles from school. With the upcoming changes in school start times, middle school youth are being transitioned to yellow buses and will not have special metro buses for transportation to/from school. Nichols located discussion notes from 2017 Education Committee meetings regarding the topic of bus passes for school age youth. Notes and links to articles of youth transportation initiatives in other cities will be forwarded to the committee members.

Next Steps:
Identify potential cost for providing bus passes to youth that qualify for free or reduced lunch and the cost to provide for all middle and high school youth. (Tariq, Nichols)
Research how other cities provide transportation for youth. (article links to be emailed to members)

4. [58910](#) Discussion of Additional Priority Topics Identified by Committee Members and Determine Next Steps
Committee discussed potential priorities and topics for future meetings.
-Affordable housing - Is there potential to repurpose unused land owned by City, County or MMSD either on or near school grounds to provide housing for staff, students and their families. (O'Donnell and Nichols will reach out to gather further information)
-Mental Health status update -Follow up to previous MMSD presentation on mental health including updates on Building Bridges and Behavioral Health in Schools programs. (Nichols and Saqqaf will reach out to gather further information)

ADJOURNMENT

**Motion by Evers, seconded by Wegleitner to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 pm.
Motion passed by voice vote.**