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Meeting Minutes - Approved EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Wednesday, September 11, 2019

5:00 PM

Warner Park Community Recreation Center
1625 Northport Drive

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

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

Absent: 2 - Nichelle Nichols and Gloria Reyes

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

Bidar called the meeting to order at 5:12 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Evers, seconded by Wegleitner to approve the February 13, 2019 minutes. Motion passed by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bob Schaefer expressed the need for the Education Committee to remain active. Schaefer supports collaboration with MMSD on school safety and EROs. Schaefer reiterated the importance of respect within schools. Schaefer also explained that youth are at an age where they can learn from their mistakes. EROs in the schools can help to get to know students and address challenges as they arise.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [57307](#) Elect a Chair and Vice-chair

Committee members discussed potential chair and vice chair nominees. Mirilli nominated herself the chair position and Bayrd was nominated by Bidar in the vice chair position. Motion by Wegleitner, seconded by Evers to accept and approve the slate of nominees. Motion passed by voice vote.

Mirilli chaired the remainder of the meeting.

2. [57308](#) Overview of Education Committee-Charge, Name, Structure, etc.

Attachments: [Education Committee Mission and Goals](#)
[Ald Phair Ed Committee Email](#)

O'Donnell provided a brief overview and background information on the Education Committee. O'Donnell shared the Mission and Goals Statement from 2012 and a 2017 email from Matt Phair. The last meeting was in February 2019, where the motion to disband the Education Committee did not pass.

The group discussed the necessity of the Committee and how to move forward. The committee will address the following:

- Review of Education Committee name. Members will send ideas to staff and then narrow down suggestions at next meeting.
- Discuss potential updates to committee membership. May include voting/non-voting members, additional representatives from City of Madison, Dane County, MMSD or the addition of residents and other stakeholders.
- Review a consolidated list of priorities that were identified at previous Committee meetings. Staff will send this list to all Members, who will then gather input from their respective entities and bring top five priorities to the next meeting. Priorities will be consolidated at future meetings.
- Meetings will be monthly moving forward. Holiday and committee budget deliberations prevent meeting on the standard second Wednesday for October and November. Alternative dates to be scheduled.

3. [57310](#) Review of Education Committee Survey Results

Attachments: [Ed Committee Feedback Survey 2019.pdf](#)

To be discussed at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Bidar, seconded by Evers to adjourn the meeting at 5:56 pm. Motion passed by voice vote.