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Meeting Minutes - Approved EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 13, 2013

5:00 PM

215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Room LL-120 (Madison Municipal Building)

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 6 -

Astra Iheukumere; Shiva Bidar-Sielaff; Matthew J. Phair; Steve Hartley;
Arlene Silveira and Maya Cole

Excused: 2 -

Carousel Andrea S. Bayrd and Jenni Dye

Others Present: Tariq Saqqaf, Kathy Price, Marcia Standiford, Nancy Yoder,
Jeannette Deloya, Mara McGlynn

Ald. Matt Phair, chair, called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

Steve Hartley was introduced. He was replacing Erik Kass who left MMSD employment.

**Ald. Phair noted that the staffing of the committee would be taken over by:
Tariq Saqqaf (Mayor's Office), Mary O'Donnell and Monica Host (Community
Services)**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**A motion was made by Astra Iheukumere, seconded by Arlene Silveira, to
approve the minutes from the December 12, 2013 Education Committee
meeting. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

**There were no disclosures or recusals from the city members of the Education
Committee.**

DISCUSSION ITEMS

29024

Update: MMSD School Superintendent Search

**Arlene Silveira indicated that the School Board selected Dr. Jennifer Cheatham
as Superintendent of Schools, pending successful contract negotiations.
Thursday, February 7, 2013, Cheatham had a final interview with the Board, met
with district staff, visited a school and participated in a community forum.**

Dr. Cheatham is currently the Chief of Instruction for Chicago Public Schools. Her focus is on systemic improvement in urban school districts. Her expertise lies in developing instructional alignment and coherence aimed at achieving breakthrough results in student learning. Cheatham has also worked as a Chief Area Officer for Chicago Public Schools, the Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction for San Diego City Schools, and a coach and professional developer for the Bay Area School Reform Collaborative. Cheatham also served as a teacher in the Newark Unified School District.

29034

Annual Truancy/Habitual Truancy Report for Fall 2011 - Spring 2012 - Judge Daniel Koval, Madison Municipal Court

Attachments: [Annual Truancy Habitual Truancy Report for Fall 2011 Spring 2012.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Ald. Shiva Bidar-Sielaff, seconded by Astra Iheukumere, to refer to a future meeting of the EDUCATION COMMITTEE. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

Supv. Jenni Dye arrived at 5:12 p.m., Supv. Carousel Bayrd arrived at 5:17 p.m.

Present: 8 -

Astra Iheukumere; Shiva Bidar-Sielaff; Matthew J. Phair; Steve Hartley; Arlene Silveira; Maya Cole; Carousel Andrea S. Bayrd and Jenni Dye

28735

Discussion on Symposium/Summit: Community Conversation on Education

Ald. Matt Phair noted that this was an idea was generated by Maya Cole and himself. Their intent was to keep tabs on the various community conversations on education by holding a city-wide symposium.

Ald. Shiva Bidar-Sielaff saw the issue as:

1. Developing and holding an annual symposium to share ideas, conversations with those who aren't normally engaged (e.g. people who attended ULGM events on education)
2. Find ways to engage certain demographics who don't usually connect with the kids and schools (e.g. people who don't have children but pay school taxes)

Ald. Phair, Ald. Bidar-Sielaff, Maya Cole and Steve Hartley will meet before the next meeting or by the May 2013 meeting to discuss a format where MMSD and the various partners can meet once a year to have a conversation on education. Steve Hartley indicated that he would have more information from United Way to share by then.

28749

Development: List of Short-Term and Long-Term Initiatives to Address the Achievement Gap

Attachments: [Updated 02 13 13 Short Long Term Initiatives.pdf](#)

Ald. Phair reminded committee members that they were looking at the following three areas:

1. Curriculum
2. Parent Involvement
3. Partnerships

He also stated that they review the list of short term and long term initiatives for possible funding.

Ald. Bidar-Sielaff added:

1. Annual educational symposium
2. Engage/connect school social workers and city/county agencies

Supv. Carousel Bayrd would like the committee to focus on the big picture and intended to propose something with a large financial dollar amount attached to it on the County Board. She indicated that the Mayor encouraged her to pursue the big idea regardless of the price tag. Example, have city, county and school board coordinator to cross-communicate. Supv. Bayrd also would want to pursue: afterschool programs in every school, expanded supplemental 4K programs.

Ald. Bidar-Sielaff stated that from her perspective the Mayor and Executive that they were open to shifting funds but there was not a new pot of money so they needed to be very strategic in shifting of funds to fund any large initiative.

This item was tabled to take up Agenda Item No. 10 and No 11.

Ald. Shiva Bidar-Sielaff left at 5:38 p.m.

Present: 7 -

Astra Iheukumere; Matthew J. Phair; Steve Hartley; Arlene Silveira; Maya Cole; Carousel Andrea S. Bayrd and Jenni Dye

Excused: 1 -

Shiva Bidar-Sielaff

29027

MMSD Partnership Policy - Steve Hartley (informational)

Attachments: [Feb 25 2013 Guidelines for MMSD Community Partnerships.pdf](#)

Kathy Price (MMSD Partnership Coordinator) and Marcia Standiford (MMSD Community Engagement) were present for the discussion. Steve Hartley distributed and reviewed the draft "Guidelines for MMSD/Community Partnerships" dated 2/7/13 (document attached to file). The guidelines were intended to strengthen current partnerships and develop a process to create new partnerships with developed policy, procedures and guidelines.

Supv. Bayrd asked if there was a financial component to the guidelines. Steve Hartley noted that the guidelines were intended to clarify the financial funding sources of partnerships.

Ms. Price noted that the biggest piece was the creation of a database of partnerships and that this would be a 2-year implementation plan.

Astra Iheukumere left at 6:00 p.m.

- Present:** 6 -
Matthew J. Phair; Steve Hartley; Arlene Silveira; Maya Cole; Carousel
Andrea S. Bayrd and Jenni Dye
- Excused:** 2 -
Astra Iheukumere and Shiva Bidar-Sielaff

29028

MMSD Children's Mental Health Task Force Recommendations - Steve Hartley (informational)

Attachments: [School Plan Mental Health.pdf](#)

Nancy Yoder, Jeannette Deloya and Mara McGlynn from MMSD were present for the discussion. Steve Hartley stated that the former School Board Superintendent and the School Board commissioned a Children's Mental Health Task Force. Distributed MMSD Mental Health Task Force's "School Community Plan to Support Children's Mental Health" (document attached to file). The final report is due back to the School Board in May to review and discuss resources and staffing to carry out the recommendations.

The handout was reviewed with committee members (Key data points, vision and mission). Ms. Yoder stated that this was a presentation of the information and that they would be happy to do a workshop model forum with the members of the Education Committee at a future meeting.

Ald. Phair stated that he didn't know the state of mental health in the schools now and would like to know where the school district was now, the gaps and what "culturally competent" meant to the participants. Tariq Saqqaf would rather see that they use the term "culturally responsive" vs. "culturally competent" because it signified taking action. Ald. Phair indicated that he would like a workshop model forum at a future meeting.

Supv. Bayrd liked seeing the partners at the table (see attached document).

Maya Cole stated that the one take away from the task force recommendations is that there was a variety of stakeholders at the table developing them.

29025

Update: Schools of Hope/Achievement Connections Leadership Team - Ald. Matt Phair

Ald. Matt Phair stated that he had attended the recent meeting regarding the evaluation of Schools of Hope and indicated that the program works and the team is also looking at school attendance and what the community can do around that issue.

29026

Update: Time In District Ad Hoc Committee - Ald. Matt Phair & Steve Hartley

Ald. Matt Phair indicated that he serves on this committee. The Mayor, United Way and Andrew Statz from the MMSD reviewed data. Outcome: income and race, not necessarily TID (Time In District) were more directly related to loss of educational instruction time.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- * Continued discussion on Short Term/Long Term Initiatives - March 2013
(Request from Supv. Bayrd that this be first on agenda)
- * City of Madison Neighborhood Center Study - March 2013
- * Presentation by Ali Brooks, Southwest Madison Youth Organizer: Madison Memorial High School Leadership Group - March 2013
- * Identify gap between needs and resources in youth programming - Mary O'Donnell (City Community Services) - May 2013
- * Annual Truancy/Habitual Truancy Report for Fall 2011-Spring 2012 - Future Meeting
- * Workshop Forum: MMSD Children's Mental Health Task Force Recommendations - Future Meeting
- * Development of Education Forum/Symposium - Future Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Supv. Carousel Bayrd, seconded by Maya Cole, to adjourn. The motion passed by voice vote/other. Meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.