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Meeting Minutes - Approved EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Wednesday, September 12, 2012

5:00 PM

210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Room 108, City-County Building
(Parks Conference Room)

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

- Present:** 6 -
Matthew J. Phair; Erik J. Kass; Arlene Silveira; Maya Cole; Carousel
Andrea S. Bayrd and Jenni Dye
- Absent:** 1 -
Astra Iheukumere
- Excused:** 1 -
Shiva Bidar-Sielaff

Ald. Matt Phair, chair, called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Arlene Silveira, seconded by Maya Cole, to approve the Education Committee August 8, 2012 meeting minutes. 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 member in attendance.

Astra Iheukumere arrived at 5:06 p.m.

- Present:** 7 -
Astra Iheukumere; Matthew J. Phair; Erik J. Kass; Arlene Silveira; Maya
Cole; Carousel Andrea S. Bayrd and Jenni Dye
- Excused:** 1 -
Shiva Bidar-Sielaff

NEW BUSINESS

[27610](#) Define the mission/goals of Education Committee

Attachments: [ADOPTED Education Committee Mission and Goals Statement.pdf](#)
[Education Committee DRAFT Mission and Goals Statement.pdf](#)

Ald. Matt Phair presented a draft mission and goal statement that he wrote for committee review and approval.

A motion was made by Supv. Carousel Bayrd, seconded by Arlene Silveira, to amend and adopt the following language as the mission and goal statement of the Education Committee:

"The Education Committee was created with the understanding that the responsibility of educating our children belongs to all of us. The committee's charge is to bring forth ways in which local governmental bodies can collaborate to improve the educational experience and outcomes for all Madison Metropolitan School District students.

The committee will study the partnerships that are already in place among the different entities. In the process it will learn who is being served and where that is taking place. It will assess the existing need, identify any duplication of services or programs and examine the successes and potential failures thereof.

The committee will begin work immediately to identify areas in which the entities can work together to benefit students and their families."

The motion passed by voice vote/other.

[27606](#) Discussion: Development of a list of community partners

Astra Iheukumere indicated that she had not started developing a list of neighborhood partners and the Mayor and Hickory Hurie were still working on securing a person to staff the committee. She stated that the Mayor suggested the school district consider staffing the committee. Ald. Matt Phair questioned what the issue was relative to staffing the committee and that a specific Community Development Division staff person had been suggested. Ms. Iheukumere said she would bring it up again with the Mayor.

Ald. Phair stated that the committee would like a staff person who was knowledgeable on what community resources existed, had the ability to bring ideas to the table, work on mapping assets and had established relationships with community partners.

Maya Cole questioned how the committee could get across to the Mayor that his having a press conference saying he wanted to work with the school district and then having no plan or staff to do the work, did not help the School Board/District in the least. She questioned if the Mayor was serious about the issue of education or not. Ms. Iheukumere stated that she would take the message back to the Mayor for response.

Erik Kass stated that the school district was willing to support and work with the Mayor but they did not see their role as owning the committee.

Information to be provided:

- Dane County Human Services information (Lynn Greene) – Supv. Carousel Bayrd
- Dane County Map of County housing/human services (Todd Violante) – Supv. Carousel Bayrd
- Citizen Budget – where the school district budget dollars are allocated – Erik Kass
- City Asset Map – Justice Castaneda was to work on this but he was no longer located in Madison (California)

27608

Update: MMSD School Superintendent Search

Attachments: [Input Session Invite - local elected.pdf](#)
[Supt Search Flyer.pdf](#)

Arlene Silveira and Maya Cole provided a brief update on the school superintendent search (see attached invites and public input dates).

Invited Input Session for partners and stakeholders:
September 20 at 10:30 a.m. Alliant Energy Center

Community Input Sessions:
September 19 at 7 p.m. East High School
September 20 at 7 p.m. Memorial High School

Survey online: [www.mmsd.org/superintendent search](http://www.mmsd.org/superintendent%20search)

The Board will review candidates, introduce finalists to the community and make a final decision over the school year, with a targeted start date of July 1, 2013.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Community Resources/Partnership Information – Astra Iheukumere (Youth and Families: ages 0 – 18 years, funding, what they are doing)
• United Way Data – December 12, 2012 meeting (Deedra Atkinson)
• Community Development Division – October 10, 2012 meeting

Results of City's Community Center Study – October 10, 2012 meeting

Discussion: Holding a Symposium/Summit: Community Conversation on Education – Creating a Community Education Initiative – Ald. Matt Phair, Maya Cole – October 10, 2012 meeting

Update on School Dinners – Erik Kass – October 10, 2012 meeting

Invite Mayor, Interim School Superintendent, Dane County Executive – December 12, 2012 meeting

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Maya Cole, seconded by Astra Iheukumere, to adjourn.
The motion passed by voice vote/other. Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.