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Meeting Minutes - Approved EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Wednesday, November 9, 2016

5:00 PM

Meets 2nd Wednesday of the month at 5:00 p.m.
Madison Municipal Building
215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Room LL-130

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Gloria Reyes; Shiva Bidar-Sielaff; Matthew J. Phair; Nichelle Nichols; Anna Moffit and James Howard

Others Present: Mary O'Donnell, Jennifer Lord

Phair called the meeting to order at 5:04 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Howard, seconded by Bidar-Sielaff to approve the 8/10/16 minutes.
Motion passed by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. [44988](#) Check-in regarding new activities or updates that impact City/County/MMSD

Phair discussed having a more structured agenda for the Education Committee meetings. Phair proposed having regular check-ins at the beginning of meetings for members to share pertinent information. This could include school district, county, neighborhoods, concerns, events, etc. Another agenda item would be an item the committee would like more information on. MOST updates, Community Schools or other regular updates would be included as well.

Check-ins

Reyes discussed a Reengage Youth initiative to reduce violence in other communities. Phair shared the violence prevention strategies in the Mayor's budget for peer support coaches for youth and adults coming back to the community following incarceration with a goal of reducing recidivism and supporting positive re-integration. Moffit discussed the School Board passing the Special Education Plan and At-Risk plans at the last Board meeting.

Bidar-Sielaff thanked the school district for their quick response for post-election communication for parents to speak with their children. Also a City budget amendment will be presented next week to continue funding Municipal Court Restorative Justice program after state funding ends in 2017.

2. [44989](#)

Catholic Charities/Bridges Presentation-Trish Grant and Joanna Becker, Building Bridges and Jerilyn Robinson Director of Family Programs at Catholic Charities

Attachments: [Building Bridges - Update.pdf](#)
[Building Bridges Article.docx](#)
[Building Bridges Brochure.pdf](#)

Jerilyn Robinson the Director of Family Programs at Catholic Charities along with Trish Grant and Joanna Becker from their Building Bridges program shared information with the committee and answered follow up questions from a previous presentation. Building Bridges works with students and families that are experiencing mental health issues, emotional problems or behavioral problems. The program connects students and their families with resources in the school and the community. Services are provided in the school building.

Common barriers facing students and families include not understanding the system, insurance protocol and hospital options. Often families are in crisis mode and Building Bridges can help navigate the system. The program can also help families meet basic needs and access resources such as food pantry locations. After the initial 90 day program there is a 6 month follow up to see if students and families are still connected to resources and students to review school performance.

3. [44990](#)

Madison Out-of-School Time (MOST) Update

Attachments: [MOST EA Workgroup Status Update 10-14-16 \(3\).pdf](#)
[MOST Building Blocks](#)
[MOST Effective Practices Guide](#)
[MOST- Barriers To Agency Staffing](#)

Lord discussed the work of the MOST Quality workgroup. 7 Building Blocks were identified to help define quality programs. The MOST Effective Practices Guide expands further upon how to use these building blocks to improve quality programs.

Lord explained that a potential unintended consequence of the program finder tool that was identified using the RESJI tool prior to launching the website was that middle income families with more disposable income and stability may be able to access and sign-up for summer programs much earlier (March/April) than lower income families could. Low income families often need to wait to register due to financial restraints and instability. There is a concern that the advent of the program finder will actually put low income families at an even greater disadvantage. The Coalition will be exploring the reality and potential solutions for this unintended consequence.

Cultural inclusion, including children with disabilities and addressing accessibility were discussed as an attribute missing in the effective practices building blocks and guide. It was suggested that images of students with disabilities should also be added to advertisements, the guide and the website.

Staff vacancies and the lack of candidates are the biggest barriers to OST

providers being able to serve more children. Factors that impact the lack of staff include low wages, competition for positions, transportation, licensing/accreditation/ YoungStar, miss matched skill sets and part time only positions. The MOST coalition will be looking at viable solutions to address staff challenges.

4. [44991](#) Educational Resource Officer (ERO) Discussion-Update from Common Council

New ERO contracts were passed at Council. An internal staff team of MPD and MMSD staff will look at the role of EROs. The School Board will also vote to create an ERO Ad-Hoc Committee with board and community members. Future updates will be shared with Education Committee members.

5. [44992](#) Planning Topics/Agendas for Remainder of 2016-2017 Academic Year

Attachments: [Education Committee 2017 Schedule.doc](#)
[2017 topics - City of Madison Education Committee.docx](#)

Phair discussed having 5-6 big items for the group to discuss at future meetings. A presentation and discussion of each item would be planned out for each meeting agenda. This would allow better planning for both committee members and those giving the presentations. The following items were discussed: Youth Experiencing Homelessness, MMSD Facility Use Agreement with partnered agencies, MMSD busing policy and transportation in general.

MOST and Community Schools updates will continue to be on agendas. This may alternate month to month based need.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Bidar-Sielaff, seconded by Moffit to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 pm.
Motion passed by voice vote.