



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes - Draft EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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Wednesday, November 8, 2017

5:00 PM

Meets 2nd Wednesday of the month at 5:00 p.m.  
30 W. Mifflin St.  
10th Floor

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### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

**Present:** 7 - Gloria Reyes; Shiva Bidar-Sielaff; Matthew J. Phair; Nichelle Nichols; Nicki Vander Meulen; Carousel Andrea S. Bayrd and Michele Ritt

**Absent:** 1 - James Howard

**Others present:** Mary O'Donnell, Tariq Saqqaf, Nathan Beck

Phair called the meeting to order at 5:11 pm.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Vander Meulen, seconded by Nichols to approve the September 13, 2017. Motion passed by voice vote.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

### DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

### DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. **49124** Committee Organizing Discussion
  - Committee Purpose and Scope
  - Priorities/Goals

**Attachments:** [Ed Committee Discussion Guide](#)  
[Summary of Topics for Impact](#)

Phair led the discussion to better define the roles of the Education Committee. Priorities. Superintendent Cheatham had previously identified MOST and Community Schools as suggested focus.

Each member provided input on how to move forward. Highlights include: Being proactive, having action plans; narrowing the focus to better utilize the time of everyone involved; not micromanaging MMSD or MOST, but assisting when and how we can; Supporting and enhancing current initiatives vs. reinventing the wheel; and working to improve lives of families and kids

City and MMSD staff could work to gathering information the Education Committee would like to discuss at their meetings.

It was agreed that the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 5:00 p.m. would continue to be the meeting date and time. July and August meetings have posed quorum issues in the past and could be skipped in the future. The October meeting is currently during County budget hearings and could be changed.

Nicki Vander Meulen left the meeting at 5:45 pm.

Moving forward the committee would like to communicate and collaborate with the MMSD Board on important issues facing students. Priority suggestions from City, County and MMSD will also be accepted, but the Education Committee would make the decision on their own priorities.

Current items of interest for the Education Committee:

- Community Schools
- Food waste collection initiatives in school buildings
- Transportation for all kids ages 5-18 years.
- Reengage "Opportunity Youth"
- MOST – would like a general update and discussion on what MOST wants from the Committee
- Housing Insecurity
- Relationship violence, DV, and empowering women
- Afterschool programs accessible to students with special needs.
- More encompassing support for homeless kids
- Assisting 19 -22 year olds who are not ready for independence with resources and what they may be eligible for

Next meeting will have a MOST update and a decision on 2-3 priorities for the Education Committee to focus on.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Ritt, seconded by Bidar-Sielaff to adjourn at 6:29 pm. Motion passed by voice vote.