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Meeting Minutes - Approved EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Wednesday, December 13, 2017

5:00 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Gloria Reyes; Shiva Bidar-Sielaff; Matthew J. Phair; Nichelle Nichols; James Howard; Carousel Andrea S. Bayrd and Michele Ritt

Absent: 1 - Nicki Vander Meulen

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

Phair called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Bidar-Sielaff, seconded by Reyes to approve the November 8, 2017 minutes. Motion passed by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Greg Markle from Operation Fresh Start discussed the importance of re-engagement programs for youth in the community to assist with getting their GED and a successful future. The Operation Fresh Start Options program helps youth overcome challenges to getting their GED and meeting other goals. This year the Community Services Committee recommended funding the Options program at a \$12,000 level versus a \$25,000 level funded in the past. Operation Fresh Start will be fundraising to make up the difference. Markle emphasized that the potential long term community costs to support those without a high school diploma such as housing, legal assistance, incarceration costs, health care, etc. is much greater than the cost of a program to re-engage youth.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. [49818](#) Madison Out-of-School Time (MOST) Update and Discussion

Attachments: [Effective Out of School Time Practices](#)

Motion by Bidar-Sielaff, seconded by Reyes to discuss item 2 before item 1.
Motion passed by voice vote.

Nathan Beck, the City MOST Coordinator, did a MOST update for the committee. Beck reviewed the structure of the MOST Coalition and the Action Team. The MOST Coalition makes the decisions while the work groups focus on specific issues including: Quality, Data/Management Information System, Elementary Access, Family and Youth Engagement and Community and Marketing. Currently the focus has been on an Management Information System that would allow MMSD and OST programs to share information about participants, help to better report outcomes of OST programs and potentially show trends and usage over the long term. They are also reviewing common barriers to OST programs such as staff recruitment and retention, transportation, cost and quality. Beck will present updates to the committee as things progress.

1. [49816](#) Discuss Priorities - Letter from Mayor Soglin and Superintendent Cheatham Regarding the Role of the Education Committee

Attachments: [Letter to City Education Committee 12.1.17.pdf](#)

Phair led the discussed potential items for the committee to focus on. The committee discussed the role of the committee, potential focus areas and the letter from the Mayor and Superintendent. The original mission of the Education Committee was to be a formal channel for communication and policy recommendations for issues of shared interest between the City, MMSD Board of Education and the County.

Ritt left the meeting at 6 pm.

The committee needs clarification from the Mayor and Superintendent as to exactly what the intention of the letter was and what their expectations are. What do they see as the role or decisions of the committee? Upon receiving further information the committee will make a commitment to follow-through and take a motion.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Howard, seconded by Bayrd to adjourn at 6:37 pm. Motion passed by voice vote.