



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes - Draft EDUCATION COMMITTEE

*Consider: Who benefits? Who is burdened?  
Who does not have a voice at the table?  
How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?*

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Wednesday, January 13, 2021

5:30 PM

Virtual

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### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

**Present:** 7 - Linda Vakunta; Tag Evers; Nichelle Nichols; Christina Gomez Schmidt; ananda mirilli; Carousel Andrea S. Bayrd and Heidi Wegleitner

**Absent:** 1 - Shiva Bidar

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

Bayrd called the meeting to order at 5:37 pm.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

1. [63651](#) Education Committee Jan 2021 Public Comment

None.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mirilli, seconded by Nichols to approve the March 11, 2020 minutes.  
Motion passed unanimously.

### DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

### NEW BUSINESS

2. [63652](#) Brief Check-in on Education Committee 2021 schedule

**Attachments:** [2021 Education Committee Schedule](#)

O'Donnell discussed the 2021 schedule. The committee is committed to meeting monthly on the second Wednesday of the month at 5:30 pm. The September and November meetings need to be reschedule due to holidays or budget deliberations on the second Wednesdays of those months. The committee will determine the September and November meeting dates later in the year.

3. [63653](#) Revisit Items Identified in March 11, 2020 minutes including Membership and Committee priorities

- Identify potential cost for providing bus passes to youth that qualify for

free or reduced lunch and the cost to provide for all middle and high school youth.

- Review articles regarding other Cities and youth bus passes
- Affordable housing for staff, students and their families
- Status of Mental Health Programs provided in Schools
- Impact on committee membership based on identified priorities
  - Identify next steps

**Saqqaf reviewed priorities identified at the March 11, 2020 meeting. Due to significant changes in public protocols from COVID-19, the committee reevaluated priority items from March 2020. The committee discussed the previous priorities and the status of virtual learning. The committee established updated priorities based upon current school and health protocols.**

**Updated priorities include:**

- Accessible internet/Wi-Fi for families**
- Affordable housing for staff, students and their families**
- Status of Mental Health Programs provided by schools**
- Identify potential cost for providing bus passes to youth that qualify for free or reduced lunch and the cost to provide for all middle and high school youth.**
- Review articles regarding other Cities and youth bus passes**
- Saqqaf brought up the tremendous need for psychosocial and emotional support for young people - ideally in person - beyond online learning and urged the committee to think about how they could provide support in that area**

Transportation continues to be a focus. However, virtual learning means less students are busing. Madison Metro and City of Madison Transportation departments are working on potential redesigns to routes and structure including Bus Rapid Transit. The bus pass programs will be reexamined later.

#### **Committee Membership**

The name change to City County School Collaborative Committee must be updated via ordinance. Membership also must be updated via ordinance. This will be done with a single ordinance revision. This revision will begin once membership changes are determined later this year based on priority discussions.

**Next Steps:**

- February meeting focus will be accessible internet/Wi-Fi for families. City and MMSD staff will bring data to the meeting.**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Mirilli, seconded by Evers, to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 pm. Motion passed and meeting adjourned.**