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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?*

Wednesday, March 10, 2021

5:30 PM

Virtual

Meets 2nd Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m.

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

Others present: Mary O'Donnell, Tariq Saqqaf, Richard McGregory, TJ McCray,
Nathan Beck, Sarah Edgerton

Mirilli called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm.

Nichols introduced MMSD staff members: Chief of Staff, Richard McGregory
and Director of Instructional Technology, Dr. TJ McCray.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. [64517](#) Public Comment Education Committee March

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Bayrd, seconded by Nichols to approve the February 10, 2021
minutes. Motion passed by voice vote.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

2. [64518](#) Continue discussion on Committee's role in digital inclusion and coordination with
City's Digital Technology Committee

Attachments: [Digital Inclusion Summary](#)

Sarah Edgerton, City of Madison Director of Information Technology, Dr. TJ
McCray and Richard McGregory from MMSD joined the discussion.

Members discussed the Education Committee's intent to provide support,
recommendations and endorse digital inclusion.

The City's Digital Technology Committee is working on strategic priorities for digital inclusion. A potential task force would further digital inclusion work as it relates to specific programs and projects. The Education Committee can provide guidance in the development of the strategic plan, potentially participate in the task force and/or respond to established strategic priorities.

MMSD is addressing digital inclusion through access, adoption and application. A new position will be posted to assist families with an instructional-based approach to bridge gaps.

Members discussed potential future pilots in small areas. Neighborhood centers, libraries, additional city departments, senior centers and other community entities may be utilized to improve digital inclusion. Members discussed the varying budget processes and timeline of moving forward.

Next Steps:

1. Review Summary of Digital Inclusion Presentations draft document and provide comments to Mary O'Donnell prior to the April meeting.
2. Discuss finalized next steps from summary document.

3. [64519](#)

Chair's Report

Mirilli discussed the improved energy of the committee and moving forward with tangible and concrete steps. Mirilli addressed ongoing concerns for the committee to discuss at future meetings.

-Youth reengagement: support for young people dealing with the shift in learning, COVID-19, mental health, etc.

-Families in transition: those that are doubled up, homeless, in hotels, cars, tents, etc.

-2021 Education Committee schedule.

Continuing work:

Committee name/membership

The committee voted to update the name to the City, County, Schools Collaborative Committee. Name and membership updates must be done via ordinance. Staff is waiting for a membership decision to encompass all the changes in one ordinance update.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Bayrd, seconded by Vakunta to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 pm.
Motion passed by voice vote.