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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, April 14, 2021

5:30 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Linda Vakunta; Tag Evers; Nichelle Nichols; Christina Gomez Schmidt and Carousel Andrea S. Bayrd

Absent: 3 - Shiva Bidar; ananda mirilli and Heidi Wegleitner

Others Present: Mary O'Donnell, Nathan Beck, Yolanda Shelton-Morris, Richard McGregory, TJ McCray

Bayrd called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. [64949](#) Public Comment April 2021

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Nichols, seconded by Vakunta to approve the March 10, 2021 minutes. Motion passed.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

2. [64946](#) Follow up discussion on Digital Inclusion Summary document and Education Committee recommendations

Attachments: [Digital Inclusion Summary](#)

O'Donnell discussed there were no updates submitted for the Digital Inclusion Summary document. The City's Digital Tech Committee did not meet in April. Updates will be provided at the next Education Committee meeting. Evers provided updates on the creation of the Task Force on Digital Inclusion Strategic Priorities.

Next steps will be discussed after the City's Digital Tech Committee meets and reports back. Task Force on Digital Inclusion updates will also be incorporated into next steps.

3. [64947](#) Discussion on youth (re)engagement in MMSD and Out of School Time programs

O'Donnell explained youth (re)engagement was identified as a priority of the Education Committee. Federal and state funds are available for youth initiatives which focus on violence prevention, youth employment, middle school OST, Basic family needs, school supplies. The Community Development Division recently requested RFPs for these funds and will determine funding recommendations. The funds for the recent RFPs are for 2021 programs and will not likely impact summer programs due to timing.

Federal funds may be available through 2023 or 2024.

Next Steps:

- Share RFP application information on youth programs at next meeting.
- Clarify leadership direction at an executive level on coordination, collaboration and funding of youth programs.

4. [64977](#) Chair's Report

Item not discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

Vakunta shared that Reuben Sanon will replace her as the Mayor's designee on the Education Committee at the end of the month.

Quorum was lost at 6:50 pm and the meeting adjourned.