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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, May 11, 2022

5:30 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Linda Vakunta; Tag Evers; Richard McGregory; Nichelle Nichols; Maia E. Pearson; Jacob Wright and Heidi Wegleitner

Others present: Mary O'Donnell (City), Tariq Saqqaf (City)

Wegleitner called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. [71339](#) Public Comment May 2022

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Evers, seconded by Vakunta to approve April 13, 2022 minutes.
Motion passed unanimously.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

Wright disclosed his partner works for MMSD.

NEW BUSINESS

2. [71340](#) Introductions of new members and summary of current work of the committee - Ald. Evers and Supv. Wegleitner

Wegleitner welcomed new members. Members and staff did brief introductions. Wegleitner discussed past quorum issues with the committee and additional history. Wegleitner shared the five priorities of the Education Committee: transportation, mental health, housing/homelessness, digital inclusion/equity and youth employment. The Education Committee is currently a City committee. The committee is working to codify as a joint committee with MMSD and Dane County. This work will include an ordinance change for name change and membership updates.

3. [71341](#) Update on potential meeting of Mayor, MMSD Superintendent and Dane County Executive - Dr. Vakunta

Vakunta discussed conversations with the mayor regarding a meeting with the three entities with a focus on the Education Committee. The mayor is interested and looking for an appropriate time for the meetings. The mayor's

priorities are mental health and digital inclusion/equity work. This aligns with Education Committee priorities.

4. [71342](#)

Update on next steps for MMSD and Dane County to codify the Education Committee as a joint body and identification of any action needed - Supv. Wegleitner and Dr. McGregory

Wegleitner discussed information needed to update county committee ordinance. The committee name and membership information will be included. McGregory discussed the BOE Policy Board decides on the priorities for policy changes moving forward.

Next steps

-Membership discussion at June meeting.

This will include voting vs. non-voting members, adding student reps and reviewing membership roles in other committees. The county currently has a rule that youth members are not eligible to vote, make motions or second motions. Review of potential options to this rule. Clarification on which body appoints which members.

-Purpose/work plan discussion.

-Finalize the name change and membership update to be submitted to City Attorney's office for ordinance update.

-Use updated City Ordinance information to codify the committee with MMSD and Dane County.

5. [71343](#)

Election of Chair and Vice Chair Position

Motion by Vakunta, seconded by Wright to nominate Wegleitner and Nichols as co-chairs. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Summer Meeting Schedule

June 8

July 13

August 10

At June meeting will determine if July and August meeting will happen.

Doodle poll may be used to confirm quorum.

Motion by Wright, seconded by Pearson to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 pm.

Motion passed.