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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, June 8, 2022

5:30 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

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

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

Wegleitner called the meeting to order at 5:36 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Vakunta, seconded by Wright to approve the May 11, 2022 minutes.
Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. [65732](#) Public Comment

None.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

2. [71812](#) Discussion and finalize recommendations for membership and member roles on the Education Committee

Wegleitner discussed the 2019 mission statement. O'Donnell provided background information on expanding membership to residents, youth members and other stakeholders. O'Donnell also shared previous discussions on updating the roles of non-elected members to ex officio non-voting members. The switch to non-voting would allow non-elected members to participate in debate without the pressure to vote prior to consulting with their represented offices.

Motion by Wright, seconded by Pearson to designate executive appointed staff members from the MMSD Superintendent's Office and Mayor's Office as ex officio non-voting members. Motion passed.

Committee members discussed the addition of youth members and other community stakeholders.

Motion by Pearson, seconded by Wright to add 3 MMSD student members (1 appointed by MMSD, 1 appointed by Dane County and 1 appointed by City of Madison) and to add 1 Fitchburg alder member to be appointed by the Fitchburg Council President to the Education Committee.

Motion by Nichols to separate into two separate motions. Seconded by Pearson.

Motion by Pearson, seconded by Wright to add 3 MMSD student members (1 appointed by MMSD, 1 appointed by Dane County and 1 appointed by City of Madison) to the Education Committee. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Pearson, seconded by Wright to add 1 Fitchburg alder member to be appointed by the Fitchburg Council President to the Education Committee. Motion passed unanimously.

This updated membership information will be included in the City ordinance update and forwarded to MMSD and Dane County to codify the committee with those entities.

3. [71813](#)

Finalize name change and any other changes for ordinance update

Wegleitner discussed the name change from December 2019. The committee discussed potential new names to better describe the composition and focus of the committee.

Motion by Evers, seconded by Pearson to change the name to Education Collaborative Committee.

Motion by Evers, seconded by Pearson to amend committee name to Youth, Families and Schools Collaborative Committee. Motion failed

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Vote:

For – Evers, Pearson

Against – Nichols, Wegleitner

Abstain – Vakunta, McGregory

Motion fails.

The ordinance update will move forward with the 2019 approved name of City, County, Schools Collaborative Committee.

4. [71814](#)

Summer Transportation

Nichols shared information on the 2022 summer bus pass program for students at no cost to the students. Once the program is finalized Nichols would like the Education Committee to submit a Letter to the Editor to the local paper to promote the collaboration and importance of access to transportation for community youth.

Motion by Pearson, seconded by Vakunta to endorse Nichols submission of a Letter to the Editor regarding the bus pass program on behalf of the Education Committee. Motion passed.

5. [71815](#) Parks Alive

To be discussed at the next meeting.

6. [71816](#) Work plan discussion

To be discussed at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

**Motion by McGregory, seconded by Nichols to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 pm.
Motion passed.**