



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

OFFICE OF THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF

**EDUCATION**

Community Schools Advisory Committee (CSAC)

Wednesday, January 19, 2022

10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Virtual Meeting

### Final Meeting Notes

1. Call to Order

- Chairperson Audrey Williams called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. Roll Call

- The following members were in attendance: Audrey Williams, DC Public Charter School Board (PCSB); John-Paul Hayworth, DC State Board of Education (SBOE); Kafui Doe, Department of Health (DOH); Natasha Herring, Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR); Abigail Hable, District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS); Megan Dho, Child and Family Services Agency (CFSA); Kim Bookard, Far Southeast Family Strengthening Collaborative, Inc. (FSFSC); Keith Gordon, Fight For Children (FFC); Shana Townes, Kid Power, Inc. (KP); Sarah Elwell, Washington Teachers' Union (WTU); Jose Munoz, Coalition for Community Schools (CCS); Erica Louison, United Way of the Nation's Capital (UWNCA); Kristine DuPree, Edgewood/Brookland Family Support Collaborative (E/BFSC); George Garcia, Latin American Youth Center (LAYC); and Gail Sullivan, Parent of DCPS student.
- The following staff from OSSE were in attendance: Kelly Rudd Safran, OSSE Division of Systems and Supports, K-12 (SSK12); Melissa Harper-Butler, SSK12; and Whitney Meagher, SSK12.
- The following guests were in attendance: Michael Pearson, AFC Scholarship Foundation; Monife Marshall, AFC Scholarship Foundation; Dawn Person, Roosevelt STAY Opportunity Academy; Tim Weedon, Tech Turn Up; Kia Hicks-Freeman, Free Mind TV; Veronica Gonzalez, Georgia Avenue Family Support Collaborative (Roosevelt Community School)

3. Ascertainment of Quorum

- A quorum was achieved for the meeting with ten voting members in attendance.

4. Adoption of the Minutes of the Nov. 17, 2021 meeting

- Motion made by Mr. Hayworth (SBOE) and seconded by Mr. Gordon, FFC to adopt the meeting minutes from Nov. 17, 2021.

5. Grantee Highlight: AFC Scholarship Foundation, Roosevelt STAY Opportunity Academy Community School

- The 2021-22 school year is the second year of implementation of OSSE's Community Schools Incentive Initiative grant. They have been adapting their services in response to lessons learned in the first year. Some examples of this are changing their academic software platform to match what is used by the school and switching to a new award structure that proved to be a greater incentive for students. They have also increased their outreach to community partners and through new partnerships were able to distribute food to families at Thanksgiving, and gift cards at Christmas.
- Two community partners were present to discuss their activities with students.
  - Tim Weedon, Tech Turn Up shared about the classes they offer.
  - Kia Hicks-Freeman, Free Mind TV discussed media literacy and media production program. Ms. Hicks-Freeman also shared a [video](#) production created by students participating in her program.
- During the discussion with the Committee members, representatives from the community school mentioned that many of the students have competing priorities, such as, parents, caregivers, and have jobs, which present some challenges. They also have a large population of students who are English learners. Some of their staff members are bi-lingual, but they also rely on teachers at the school who serve as translators.
- Slide deck was made available for review during the meeting and attached.

6. Goals Discussion

- Ms. Williams, PCSB began the Goals Discussion by suggesting that, due to the start of the District's budget season, the Committee focuses on the following previously-discussed goal, "The CSAC will be urging the expansion of blended and braided funding between departments and city-wide organizations for establishing and sustaining the Community Schools Coordinator position."
- Mr. Hayworth, SBOE suggested sending a letter to Mayor Bowser, similar to the letter that the Committee sent to the Mayor in March 2021. He also recommended continuing to ask for this item in particular, and soon, because the final preparations for the FY23 budget are in process. He suggested a vote of the Committee that would authorize the Chair and Co-Chair to send a letter to the Mayor about the goal focused on blended and braided funding.
- Mr. Hayworth, SBOE also shared that there are two days scheduled for the education performance oversight hearings. Public witnesses will testify on March 2, 2022. Government witnesses will testify on March 3, 2022. Committee members who are not government employees are able to sign up to testify.
- Mr. Munoz (CCS) discussed a strategy used by some states, and federally, where priority is given to applicants that are already implementing some community

school activities. He suggested that this might be a strategy that could be used locally.

- Ms. Sullivan, Parent, asked about the funding difference between the Community Schools Incentive Initiative (CSII) administered by OSSE and Connected Schools implemented by DCPS. Members clarified that these are distinct funds and the programs do not compete with each other for funding. Funds are issued through a competitive process for the CSII grant and targeted schools are identified for Connected Schools.
- Ms. Williams, DC PCSB mentioned a notice from the U.S. Department of Education about their Full-Service Community Schools through competitive grant program, which had been circulated to Committee members at her request. She asked if this was something the Committee could apply for.
- Mr. Munoz, CCS mentioned that his organization is hosting a webinar about this announcement, which is an opportunity for public comment on the design of the program. He will share information with the Committee so they can register if interested. His understanding is that the Committee, and some individual entities represented by Committee members may be eligible to apply.
- Ms. Williams, DC PCSB introduced a motion to authorize the Chair and Co-Chair to send a letter to the Mayor recommending implementation of the Committee's goal: "The CSAC will be urging the expansion of blended and braided funding between departments and city-wide organizations for establishing and sustaining the Community Schools Coordinator position."
  - The motion was moved by Mr. Hayworth, SBOE and seconded by Ms. Townes, KP (. It passed on a voice vote.

## 7. Membership Update

- Mr. Hayworth, SBOE asked if there were any empty Committee seats that needed to be filled. Ms. Harper-Butler stated that the full list of seats was included the Mayor's Order – 2019-014 Re-establishment – Community Schools Advisory Committee, and the Committee could review this list and determine if they want to request that that Mayor's Office of Talent and Appointments (MOTA) identify new members to fill vacant government seats. The following government seats are vacant: Department of Employment Services, University of the District of Columbia and University of the District of Columbia Community College.

## 8. New Business

- The Committee discussed the value of the grantee site visits and the general consensus was that the grantee highlights are valuable and should be continued.
- The Committee briefly discussed the need for continued outreach and education to families about the importance of vaccinations. Mr. Hayworth, SBOE mentioned that student members of the DC State Board of Education were

planning a peer-to-peer outreach campaign and offered to share more information with anyone interested.

9. Opportunity for Public Comment

- No public attendees.

10. Adjournment

- Ms. Williams (DC PCSB) adjourned the meeting at 11:36 a.m.

The next meeting will be held virtually on Wednesday, March 16, 2022, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Questions/Comments? Please contact Melissa Harper-Butler at (202) 478-2409 or [Melissa.Harper-Butler@dc.gov](mailto:Melissa.Harper-Butler@dc.gov).

**AFC Scholarship Foundation,  
Inc.  
and  
Roosevelt STAY Opportunity  
Academy  
Community School Partnership**

Michael A. Pearson Sr., Program Director

Dewayne Little, Principal

Monifé Marshall, Community School Coordinator

# Introductions:

Michael A. Pearson, Sr., President/CEO  
AFC Scholarship Foundation, Inc.

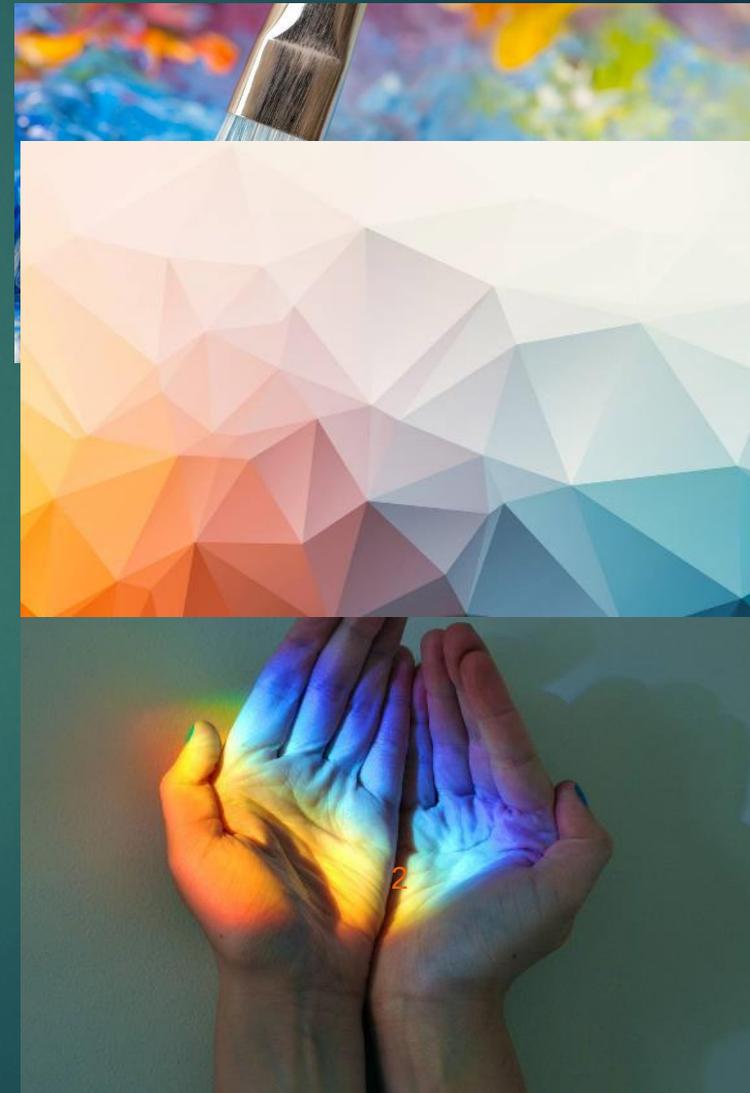
Dewayne Little, Roosevelt STAY Opportunity  
Academy Community School Principal

Jewel D. Pearson, Fiscal Agent

Monifé Marshall, Community School  
Coordinator

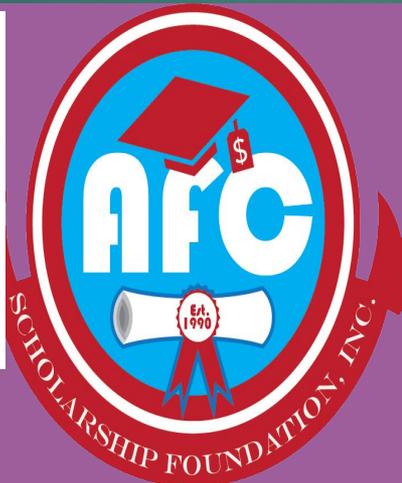
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# Agenda:

- AFC Scholarship Foundation, Inc. Organizational overview
- 2020-2021 Community School Partnership
- Challenges in 1<sup>st</sup> grant year and Solutions for 2021-2022 grant cycle
- Outreach Activities
- Partner Comments





# ALTERNATIVES FOR CRIME SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION, INC.

# Background



AFC is a non-profit organization that provides a holistic approach for success.

- ▶ 35 years of service
- ▶ Youth services with focus on low-income and at-risk youth living in assisted housing, foster care, group homes, and therapeutic environments.

# Mission Statement

***The mission of AFC is to empower aspiring youth to become successful adults by providing alternative solutions using a skillful staff.***

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# Vision Statement

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***To become the premier  
service organization  
providing exceptional  
youth programs.***

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# Values

Integrity  
Competence  
Teamwork  
Effectiveness  
Excellence  
Accountability



# Statement of Need

- ▶ Increase high school and post secondary graduation rates
- ▶ Defined life goals and increased self-esteem
- ▶ Enhance career opportunities
- ▶ Eliminate digital divide



# Partners

**Dewayne Little**, Principal of  
Roosevelt STAY Opportunity  
Academy

**Dawn Person**, STEM Intervention  
Coach

**Tim Weedon**, Tech Turn Up

**Kia Hicks**, Free Mind TV & Films

**Dr. Reginald Garcon**, Dr. Soul  
Line Dancing



# 2020-2021 Overview

Partnership established with  
AFC Scholarship Foundation,  
Inc. and Roosevelt STAY  
Opportunity Academy in a  
virtual/blended learning  
environment



# Lessons learned in Grant Year 1 and **Solutions** for 2<sup>nd</sup> Year

## IXL Learning Tool

Academic Facilitators contacted students weekly and encouraged students to increase academic skills by using the software 2.5 hours per week

Support and follow up calls were made weekly.

### **SOLUTION:**

Modify IXL learning tool to Summit learning tool to accelerate student graduation timelines.

## Student Incentives

Gift card incentives were insufficient to motivate students

### **SOLUTION:**

Identified more impactful incentives to increase student participation. ie. "Go Green"

Partnering with Roosevelt HS Community School for Seniors Essay Contest

Creating incentive campaigns to expose youth to alternative cultural activities

## Community Partners

Media Production and Line Dancing opportunities provided

### **SOLUTION:**

Added Tech Turn UP to enhance digital literacy skills to students during the school day

Increase the Media Production program activities with FreeMind Communication.

# Tech Turn Up with Tim Weedon



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# Media Production Video from Summer of 2021



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# 2021 Outreach Activities:

50 Families Received **Thanksgiving Day** Baskets & Gift Cards



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35 Families Received **Christmas** Food Baskets & Gift Cards



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# Posters Promoting the “Go Green” incentive for greater participation

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## GO GREEN

ENTER RAFFLE FOR

XBOX  
HEADPHONES  
\$100 GIFT CARD

NOVEMBER 17TH - DECEMBER 17TH

- 1 TICKET PER READING PLUS ACTIVITY OVER 20
- 2 TICKETS FOCUS AREA
- 5 TICKETS PROJECT COMPLETION
- 10 TICKETS MASTERING 5 IXL SKILLS
- 20 TICKETS CLASS COMPLETION

SEE PRINCIPAL LITTLE

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## VE VERDE

PARTICIPE EN LA RIFA PARA UN

XBOX  
AUDÍFONOS  
TARJETA DE REGALO DE \$100

NOVIEMBRE 17- DICIEMBRE 17

- 1 BOLETO POR LECTURA MÁS ACTIVIDAD MAS DE 20
- 2 BOLETO AREA DE ENFOQUE
- 5 BOLETO TERMINACIÓN DE PROYECTO
- 10 BOLETO DOMINAR 5 HABILIDADES IXL
- 20 BOLETO COMPLETAR DE CLASES

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# Thank you

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