



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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Community Schools Advisory Committee (CSAC)

Wednesday, January 27, 2021

10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Virtual Meeting

### Final Meeting Notes

1. Call to Order

- Chairperson John-Paul Hayworth called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

2. Roll Call

- The following members were in attendance: Audrey Williams, DC Public Charter School Board (DCPSCB); John-Paul Hayworth, DC State Board of Education (SBOE); Kafui Doe, Department of Health (DOH); Carla Mike, District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS); Mila Yochum, Office of the Deputy Mayor of Education (DME); Megan Dho, Child and Family Services Agency (CFSA); Antoinette Mitchell, Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE); Kim Bookard, Far Southeast Family Strengthening Collaborative, Inc.; Keith Gordon, Fight for Children; Shana Townes, Kid Power Inc.; Sarah Elwell, Washington Teacher's Union (WTU); Rustin Lewis, Communities In Schools of the Nation's Capital, Inc. (CIS); Kristine DuPree, Edgewood/Brookland Family Support Collaborative (E/BFSC); George Garcia, Latin American Youth Center (LAYC); and Gail Sullivan, Parent of Student
- The following OSSE staff were in attendance: Carlo Castillo, Melissa Harper-Butler, and Whitney Meagher.
- Luis Morales, Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) attended as a proxy for Erica Barnes (DBH).
- Director Steven Walker and Adanna Mbanugo, Mayor's Office on Talent and Appointments (MOTA) were present to conduct a swearing-in of a new member.

3. Mayor's Office on Talent and Appointments (MOTA): Swearing-in of New Member

- Kafui Doe, Department of Health (DOH), and George Garcia, the Latin American Youth Center (LAYC) were sworn in by Director Steven Walker, MOTA.

#### 4. Ascertainment of Quorum

- A quorum was present for the meeting in terms of membership with nine voting members present.

#### 5. Adoption of the Minutes of the Nov. 18, 2020 meeting

- Motion made by Ms. Williams (DCPSCB) and seconded by Mr. Gordon (Fight for Children) to adopt the meeting minutes from Nov. 18, 2020.

#### 6. OSSE Annual Attendance Report

- Mr. Castillo (OSSE), gave a high-level overview of OSSE's annual attendance report from SY19-20. Due to school closures that resulted from the public health emergency, attendance data collection stopped on March 13, 2020. However, when completing a year-by-year comparison September through March data of previous school years, the trends were consistent with previous years. Mr. Castillo also provided links to OSSE websites with additional information about attendance data analysis from past reports, and current guidance for schools and LEAs about adapting attendance data collection with virtual school attendance.
  - [Guidance and Resources for COVID-19-related Closures and Recovery](#)
  - [Data & Reports](#)

Slide deck was made available for review during the meeting and attached.

#### 7. DCPS Update: Community Mapping and Connected Schools

Ms. Mike (DCPS) gave an overview of DCPS' Connected School Initiative, which is similar to the Community School model. She also provided a presentation about a community mapping project that DCPS has undertaken to understand available resources and needs at its schools and take them into account when planning for upcoming school years. Slide deck was made available for review during the meeting and attached.

#### 8. Goals Discussion

- The Committee continued discussion regarding the development of goals.
- The Committee discussed the following five draft goals:
  1. Blended and braided funding between departments and city-wide organizations for the Coordinator position;
  2. Marketing and Communications for Community Schools
  3. Concentration of integrated and aligned support services and opportunities in Community Schools
  4. Coordinators and other Community School professionals (teachers and principals) are prepared to perform their duties through consistent professional development and peer support.
  5. Communities experiencing the highest levels of poverty having a Community School

- The language for Goal #5 was edited to, “Schools and communities serving students that are designated as being part of at-risk populations should have access to a community school.”
- The nine voting members present unanimously agreed to adopt the edited list of five goals:
  1. Blended and braided funding between departments and city-wide organizations for the Coordinator position;
  2. Marketing and Communications for Community Schools
  3. Concentration of integrated and aligned support services and opportunities in Community Schools
  4. Coordinators and other Community School professionals (teachers and principals) are prepared to perform their duties through consistent professional development and peer support.
  5. Schools and communities serving students that are designated as being part of at-risk populations should have access to a community school.
- Mr. Hayworth (SBOE) suggested sending a letter to the Mayor, or otherwise publicly announcing the adoption of the goals. He also suggested, as a next step, developing a work plan for each of the goals.

#### 9. Grant Update and Activities

- Ms. Harper-Butler (OSSE) provided an update about the FY21 Community Schools grants that have been issued by OSSE. All grant awards for the Community Schools Incentive Initiative for FY21 has been issued to grantees, including eligible FY20 carryover/prior year funds. The Truancy Prevention and Literacy Pilot Program (TPLP) received no additional funding for FY21. One TPLP grantee (DCPS) has received a no cost extension, allowing continued spending of remaining FY20 funds, and OSSE has approved the continuation application to use those funds throughout FY20-21.

#### 10. Membership Update

- The Community Schools Advisory Committee Members list needs to be updated for SY20-21. Ms. Harper-Butler will circulate the drafted list to Committee members via email to review and provide feedback.

#### 11. New Business

- There was no new business.

#### 12. Opportunity for Public Comment

- No public attendees.

#### 13. Adjournment

- Ms. Williams (DCPCSB) made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Ms. Sullivan. The meeting was adjourned at 12:03 p.m.

The next meeting will be held virtually on Wednesday, March 17, 2021, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

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