



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

OFFICE OF THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF

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Community Schools Advisory Committee (CSAC)

Wednesday, March 17, 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 10:02 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); Natasha Herring, Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR); Carla Mike, District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS); 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; Sarah Elwell, Washington Teachers' Union (WTU);); Jose Munoz, Coalition for Community Schools (CCS); 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
- Tiffany Wise, Department of Health (DOH) attended as a proxy for Kafui Doe (DOH).
- Meghan Sullivan of Behavioral Health (DBH) attended as a proxy for Erica Barnes (DBH).
- Erica Louison, United Way of the Nation's Capital, attended as a proxy for Dirk Butler, United Way of the Nation's Capital.
- The following OSSE staff were in attendance: Melissa Harper-Butler, and Whitney Meagher.
- The following guests were in attendance: Marisa Parrella (Mary's Center); Marybeth Mangas (Mary's Center); Brianna Melgar (Mary's Center) and Amanda Delabar (Tubman Elementary School)

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

There were no new members to swear in at this time

4. Ascertainment of Quorum

- A quorum was present for the meeting in terms of membership with seven voting members present.
5. Adoption of the Minutes of the Jan. 27, 2021 meeting
 - Motion made by Mr. Munoz (CCS) and seconded by Mr. Gordon (Fight for Children) to adopt the meeting minutes from Jan. 27, 2021
 6. Grantee Highlight: Mary's Center Partnership Hearts and Minds at Tubman ES (30 minutes)
 - Marisa Parrella (Mary's Center, School Based Mental Health Director); Marybeth Mangas (Mary's Center, Grant Manager); Brianna Melgar (Mary's Center, Community School Coordinator) and Amanda Delabar (Tubman Elementary School, Principal) provided a presentation about Mary's Center Partnership Hearts and Minds community school program at Tubman ES.
 - The school is located in a diverse community that has a large number of new arrivals to the country, and a history of families feeling connected to the school. They spent a significant amount of time training staff on the impact of trauma and student achievement.
 - They then began to implement a social emotional learning program (PATHS) (<https://pathsprogram.com/>) with students during the school day. The program also has components that benefit school staff and parents and caregivers.
 - When answering questions from Committee members, Ms. Delabar (Tubman) mentioned that it seems that the emphasis on social emotional learning has given the school community tools to help deal with the impact of the public health emergency and other traumatic events over the past year.
 - The Committee discussed new federal funding streams that are being created to help schools respond to the impact of the public health emergency, and how sharing success stories of schools like Tubman could help others generate ideas for new programming at their schools, particularly the importance of social emotional learning for students and teachers.
 - Slide deck was made available for review during the meeting and attached.
 7. Goals Discussion
 - The Committee reviewed a letter that had been drafted and circulated prior to the meeting by Mr. Hayworth. The letter is intended to announce the goals that were adopted at the Jan. 27, 2021 meeting to Mayor Bowser.
 - Mr. Hayworth will incorporate the feedback and share the new draft by March 19, 2021. Committee members can continue to suggest edits until this time.
 - After reviewing the letter, Committee members are requested to include their name at the bottom as a sign of approval, by March 26. Mr. Hayworth will sign

the letter on behalf of the Committee, and send it to the Mayor once a quorum of voting members has signed the letter.

8. Membership Update

- Ms. Harper-Butler is working with MOTA to fill two current vacancies on the Committee. Meghan Sullivan has been suggested as the representative to take the place of Erica Barnes (DBH), and Erica Louison has been suggested as the representative to take the place of Dirk Butler, who has left United Way of the Nation’s Capital. Both were present for today’s meeting. In the event the vetting/approval process is favorable, MOTA will be scheduled to swear in these potential new members at the May meeting.

9. New Business

- Ms. Herring (DPR) shared that registration for in person summer camp will open on March 22, 2021 online at <https://dpr.dc.gov/service/summer-camps>. There will also be a virtual option for families that will open for registration on March 29, 2021 on the same site. The list of locations, including sites for students with special needs, is available on the registration site. Both camps will start on June 28, 2021. DPR is also hiring seasonal staff for the camps, who will be employed from June 21, 2020 to Aug. 20, 2021.
- Ms. Elwell shared that there will be a Community Schools panel at the annual Washington Teachers' Union Shared Vision Conference on March 20, 2021. Mr. Munoz will be on the panel along with two Connected Schools Coordinators and an educator in a community school. The conference theme is “Reimagining Education” and all education stakeholders are welcome. Register here: <https://forms.gle/5NqQJhvQAZBi6piF8>
- Mr. Munoz shared information about the 2021 National Family & Community Engagement Virtual Conference, which can be found at: <https://web.cvent.com/event/c69c15a5-5295-486d-8d50-08f782c44e4e/summary>
- Mr. Munoz also mentioned that the Coalition for Community Schools is advocating in Congress for passage of the Full Services Community Schools Expansion Act. They are calling for an increase in funding for community schools over the next five years, and holding President Biden to his commitment to enroll 300,000 more students in community schools.
- Mr. Gordon shared information about an initiative called “Feed the Fridge”, which installs refrigerated units in public places around the District, including schools. Healthy meals are placed in the units for anyone to take without restriction. More information can be found at: <https://feedthefridge.org/>.

10. Opportunity for Public Comment

- No public attendees.

11. Adjournment

- Ms. Williams (PCSB) made a motion to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Mr. Munoz (CCS). The meeting was adjourned by Chairperson John-Paul Hayworth at 11:46 a.m.

The next meeting will be held virtually on Wednesday, May 19, 2021, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

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