



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

OFFICE OF THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF

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Community Schools Advisory Committee (CSAC)

Wednesday, September 16, 2020

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); Natasha Herring, Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR); Megan Dho, Child and Family Services Agency (CFSA); Erica Barnes, Department of Behavioral Health (DBH); Antoinette Mitchell, Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE); 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); Carolyn Greenspan, Latin American Youth Center (LAYC); and Gail Sullivan, Parent of Student
- The following OSSE staff were in attendance: Melissa Harper-Butler, and Whitney Meagher.
- Christie Atlee-Chester, District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS) attended as a proxy for Mike, District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS).
- Bookard Roary 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

- Rustin Lewis, Communities In Schools of the Nation's Capital, Inc. (CIS) was sworn in by Bookard Roary, MOTA.

4. Ascertainment of Quorum

- A quorum was not present for the meeting in terms of voting membership. This meeting will be an unofficial meeting; and thus, attending members will not vote of any agenda items.

5. Adoption of the Minutes of the July 20, 2020 meeting

- Members were unable to adopt the minutes of the July 20, 2019 meeting due to lack of ascertainment of quorum. This will be suspended until the next meeting or when a quorum is present.

6. Goals Discussion

- Mr. Hayworth led the Committee in a discussion about Committee Goals. His intent is to create something that is broad enough to make sense for all partners, and flexible, but something that can be tracked as a benchmark. The Committee first discussed ideas related to attendance, specifically the need for more access to data, more efficient forums to share best practices and the importance of tailoring interventions to the needs of individual schools. They also discussed the variabilities expected in attendance for the current school year.
- The creation of additional goals not related to attendance was also discussed, including: resources for physical and mental health, parent involvement, accessibility (including Internet accessibility), informing the community about the concept and benefits of Community Schools, and school environment/culture.

7. School Visit Share Out

- Throughout the month of September, Ms. Harper-Butler is leading virtual site visits with each of the current the Community Schools Incentive Initiative (CSII) grantees. Committee members have attended the visits and shared positive reactions about their participation. For example, Ms. Sullivan made note of the attendance interventions taking place at Eastern High School, and Ms. Mitchell was impressed with the way the Community School Coordinator at Woodson High School was so intricately involved with the life of the school.
- There are three remaining site visits taking place that have availability for committee members. If interested, please email Ms. Harper-Butler (Melissa.Harper-Butler@dc.gov).

8. Grant Cycle Update

- Ms. Harper-Butler shared information about the community schools grants for FY21. DC's budget was extremely delayed this year and is still in the final stage of the process, waiting for Congressional approval.
- OSSE anticipates that the total budget for the CSII grants will be \$2,596,374.82, which is a reduction from the previous year. All funds are subject to funding availability. Nine continuing grantees will begin year three of their grant cycle in

FY21. Eight grantees are culminating the third and final year of their grant cycle in FY20 and are eligible to apply for a new competitive grant that will start in FY21. The total number of grantees will remain at 17.

- The CSII continuation application will be released on September 18 and close on October 19. The NOFA for the CSII competitive grant application was released on September 11, and the application will be released on September 25. It will close on November 9.
- Part of the Committee's responsibility is to be a part of the selection process, and OSSE will need three grant readers and one alternate. Reader training is tentatively scheduled for 10 a.m. on November 5. It is expected that the readers will receive applications November 12, and possibly earlier. OSSE is not sure how many applications there will be. If needed, a consensus meeting is tentatively scheduled for 10 a.m. on November 23. Any committee member that would like to volunteer to be a grant reader should email Ms. Harper-Butler (Melissa.Harper-Butler@dc.gov).
- The Truancy Prevention and Literacy Pilot Program (TPLP) grants did not receive new funding for FY21. The FY21 budget support act signed by the Mayor allows the current grantees to spend their remaining FY20 funding in FY21. It will appear as a continuation grant, with no new funding.

9. New Business

- Carolyn Greenspan, LAYC, will be leaving LAYC on September 30, the last day of the grant. The Committee members thanked her for her service and wished her well.

10. Opportunity for Public Comment

- No public attendees.

11. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

The next meeting will be held virtually on Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2020, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

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