

FAMILIES, EDUCATION, PRESCHOOL, AND PROMISE LEVY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Seattle City Hall (Room 370) | 600 4th Ave | Seattle, WA 98104

Thursday, March 5, 2020

MEETING MINUTES

I. Call to Order

Monica Liang-Aguirre called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

II. Attendees

Members Present: Stephan Blanford, Diane DeBacker (on behalf of Superintendent Juneau), Donald Felder, Erica Johnson (on behalf of Mayor Durkan), Susan Lee (via phone), Shouan Pan, Constance Rice (via phone)

Others Present: Leslie Daniels (DEEL), Cristina Gaeta (DEEL), Monica Liang-Aguirre (DEEL), Aine O'Connor (DEEL), Tiffany Washington (DEEL); Brian Goodnight (City Budget Office); James Bush (Seattle Public Schools), Sarah Perez Hamilton (Seattle Public Schools), Nicole Turner (Seattle Public Schools)

III. Reports

The meeting began with a welcome and introduction by Monica Liang-Aguirre, Early Learning Division Director at the Department of Education and Early Learning (DEEL). The welcome was followed by an introduction of the Levy Oversight Committee (LOC) members and other meeting attendees, and a review of the meeting agenda and Color Brave Space.

Families, Education, Preschool, and Promise (FEPP) Progress Updates – Early Learning

Monica Liang-Aguirre continued the meeting with a PowerPoint presentation beginning with an overview of the FEPP Levy timeline. Per the timeline, DEEL is currently in the first year of the FEPP Levy, also known as the transition year. This is the year in which DEEL will sunset all Families and Education Levy (FEL) and Seattle Preschool Program (SPP) investments, with next year being the first full year of the FEPP Levy. The final year of FEPP will be in 2025-2026.

As for SPP, the program is in its first year under FEPP. Though the program is continuing the same work, there are new programmatic elements under the new FEPP Levy. These elements include more funding to support comprehensive services, family support programs, a dual language initiative, and a 10-hour day model. Additionally, DEEL also has a contract with Imagine Institute to launch a Family Child Care mentorship program, which is being implemented this year. Expansion for SPP has also slowed considerably

under FEPP as compared to its previous expansion under the SPP Levy. However, nine (9) additional classrooms will be added during the 2020-2021 school year.

FEPP Progress Updates – K-12 and Postsecondary

Cristina Gaeta (DEEL's K-12 and Postsecondary Division Director) continued the presentation with an update related to K-12 and Postsecondary investments. Highlights of the presentation included the following:

- 1,763 high school students submitted Seattle Promise applications
- The federally-funded TRIO Upward Bound Program recently joined DEEL
- Upcoming Request for Investment (RFI) processes include the Opportunities and Access RFI and the Elementary School Based Health Center Request for Application
- Decisions have been made regarding the School-Based Investment Awards

School-Based Investment Awards Presentation

Cristina Gaeta and Dwane Chappelle (DEEL Department Director) presented the following information to the LOC regarding the School-Based Investment (SBI) Awards. The FEPP Levy made significant shifts in investments with a greater emphasis placed on college and career readiness across all grade levels, concentrated investments in a smaller number of schools to increase impact, and investments in all grade levels (whereas the FEL Levy only served 9th grade students).

The purpose of SBIs are to provide supplemental financial support and services at the local, school level to ensure that students who are not yet meeting grade level learning standards receive the necessary academic and non-academic supports needed to graduate from high school prepared for college and career.

SBIs align with the FEPP Levy's core priorities to invest in historically underserved communities, utilize an outcomes-based framework to make funding decisions, and to implement evidence-based strategies proven to improve student outcomes. As DEEL manages these funds, the department will also provide capacity-building and professional development to school leaders and educators.

Through the SBI funding process, DEEL received 47 applications totaling \$22.2 million in requested funds. There is approximately \$15 million in annual funding available under FEPP, and the funding requested exceeded funding availability. SBI Awards are anticipated to extend through the remaining six (6) years of the Levy.

The SBI presentation concluded with a review of the schools who were awarded funding, a summary of the funding recommendations by Council District, and a review of the timeline for the pending public announcement of the SBI awards.

IV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.