

FAMILIES, EDUCATION, PRESCHOOL, AND PROMISE LEVY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Skype Meeting

Thursday, June 18, 2020

MEETING MINUTES

I. Call to Order

Dwane Chappelle called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

II. Attendees

Members Present: Diane DeBacker (on behalf of Seattle Public Schools Superintendent Denise Juneau), Chandra Hampson, Erica Johnson (on behalf of Mayor Durkan), Susan Lee, Jennifer Matter, Shouan Pan, Constance Rice, Kimberly Walker

Others Present: Dwane Chappelle (DEEL), Leslie Daniels (DEEL), Dana Harrison (DEEL), Monica Liang-Aguirre (DEEL), Marissa Rousselle (DEEL), Tiffany Preston (DEEL), Tiffany Washington (DEEL), Tim Wolfe (DEEL); Lisa Gaccione (City Budget Office), Brian Goodnight (Seattle City Council, Central Staff); Vy Nguyen (Office of Council President González), James Bush (Seattle Public Schools)

III. Reports

The meeting began with a welcome and introduction by Dwane Chappelle, Director of the Department of Education and Early Learning (DEEL), followed by a review of Color Brave Space, the meeting agenda and outcomes, and the approval of the April 27 meeting minutes.

Early Learning Updates

Marissa Rousselle, DEEL's Communications and External Affairs Manager, reminded the Levy Oversight Committee (LOC) that back in March, they supported the use of FEPP Levy dollars to fund Emergency Child Care for essential workers in response to the COVID-19 crisis. Following this consensus, the Mayor issued an emergency order establishing Emergency Child Care on March 27, which was later affirmed by City Council and approved by ordinance on April 13, 2020.

Monica Liang-Aguirre, DEEL's Early Learning Division Director, continued this update with an overview of the impact and outcomes of Emergency Child Care, which is scheduled to end on June 30, 2020. As a result of Emergency Child Care:

- 256 children and 193 families were served using 11 providers and 22 sites;
- SPP contracts were modified to operate ECC from April through June; and
- As of April 27, \$435K has been paid out to providers.

- Of the children and families served, 59% of the families have at least one parent who works in health care.

At this time, the current focus is on Emergency Child Care (ECC) transitioning. In mid-May, DEEL surveyed participating ECC families with 82% of the families indicating that they had already had summer child care in place. For the families who did not have a plan in place for the summer, DEEL has been providing one-on-one support by informing ECC families of their options, which include the Seattle Parks and Recreation Summer Child Care, the Child Care Assistance Program, and private child care.

Additional updates from this report also included the following:

- Three (3) planning workgroups have been formed to oversee initiatives that are impacted or need to be responsive to COVID-19: SPP/SPP Pathway, Emergency Child Care, Child Care Policy
- Child Care Mentorship: The Imagine Institute continues to implement the FCC mentorship program.
- SPP Enrollment SY 2020-21: Applications received have been 71% of what it was this time last year and 36% of available seats are filled, comparable to enrollment progress in previous years.

Seattle Public Schools Update

Diane DeBacker informed the LOC that Seattle Public Schools (SPS) had formed four different engagement teams over the past couple of weeks. These teams consisted of over 100 people and included students, community members, CBOs, SPS staff, and others to look at the options available for reopening schools in the fall. The engagement teams completed their work and have been presenting the recommendations to a leadership team consisting of students, community members, and others. The overarching principles that came out of these engagement teams included the following: compliance with CDC and OSPI guidelines, prioritizing students farthest from educational justice, and accountability and consistency for decision-makers and leaders. The teams also looked at how to phase in the various options for reopening schools to align with the state's phase-in process.

K-12 and Post-Secondary Updates

Dana Harrison, DEEL's Interim Director of the K-12 and Postsecondary Division, briefly updated the LOC on what previously took place during the spring, such as the adaptation of services that supported students, the modification of contract agreements, and the provision of services that provided the appropriate level of technical assistance during the school closure.

Additional highlights from this report also included the following:

- Two (2) workgroups have been established to oversee initiatives that are impacted or need to be responsive to COVID-19: Remote Learning and Wraparound Services
- Contingency plans have been set in place in preparation for summer learning to support transitions to remote learning and ensure alignment with public health guidelines.

COVID-19 Resources

Free COVID-19 testing is available at two sites through a partnership with King County and UW Medicine. Drive-through testing is also available following registration either online or over the phone.

On May 27, the State Department of Health released guidelines for summer programs. Examples of these program types included the following:

- Youth Development
- Youth after-school and in the summer
- YMCA youth development programming
- Other culturally based and identity-based programs
- DCYF licensed programs and the Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP)
- Licensed-exempt programs
- Day camps
- Outdoor preschool programs

Seattle Public Schools' (SPS) graduation ceremonies will take place virtually this year. Also, planning for the 2020-2021 school year will be communicated by SPS for the Return to School Fall 2020 Learning Plan.

Registration for SPS Summer of Learning closed on June 12. This will be a 5-week program beginning July 6 and will feature content for students K-12, online videos, bridge programs for rising 6th and 9th graders, one-on-one sessions, virtual field trips, and art challenges.

Finally, the first Seattle Promise cohort will be graduating this year at the Seattle Colleges, and the theme of this year's graduation video campaign is "Unstoppable".

IV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.