

**FAMILIES, EDUCATION, PRESCHOOL, AND PROMISE
LEVY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

Regular Meeting
Thursday, March 28, 2024

MEETING MINUTES

I. Call to Order

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

II. Attendees

Members Present: Councilmember Maritza Rivera, Dr. Donald Felder, Marques Gittens, Dr. Ted Howard, Gina Topp, Erin Okuno, Natalie Beauregard, Kateri Joe, Christa Valles

Members Absent:
Chancellor Rosie Rimando-Chareunsap, Susan Lee, Manuela Slye, Evan Smith, Stephanie Gardner, Jennifer Matter

Others Present: Chris Alejano (DEEL), Sarah Burtner (City Budget Office), Dr. Dwane Chappelle (DEEL), Jemini Davis (DEEL), Leilani Dela Cruz (DEEL), Dr. Ismael Fajardo (DEEL), Sonja Griffin (DEEL), Dr. Becca Lawrence (DEEL), Jasmine Marwaha (Council Central Staff), Glenn McCray (DEEL), Isis Randolph-McCree (DEEL), Melody McMillan (Seattle Colleges), Amelia Moore (DEEL), Marissa Rousselle (DEEL), Amanda Stoddard (DEEL), Jonathan Swift (DEEL), Will Terry (Council Staff), Mei-Li Thomas (DEEL)

III. Public Comment

Public Comment submitted via email by Sierra Parsons, Strategy and Partnerships Director, WA-BLOC

IV. Business Items

SPP Site Visits Recap

Presenters:

- Leilani Dela Cruz, DEEL Early Learning Director

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- The Committee provided a recap of their early learning site visits

*Discussion Summary**

Speaker Initials	Question/Comment
DF	<p>Northwest Center Kids Downtown</p> <p>Number of male educators at the facilitators</p> <p>Impressed to consistently hear the staff diagnose and prescribe using student IEP as a guide to aid students in meeting standards.</p> <p>Rooms were set up in a way that encouraged student play which was in a friendly and inclusive matter. The rooftop playground was also a highlight of the amenities offered.</p> <p>Wondering: What is the connection between SPS and SPP that would help teacher in K prepare those students once they matriculate from SPP.</p> <p>LDC: DEEL does some work through the creation of packets for each students to take with them as SPP students transition to K.</p> <p>DF: The SPS superintendent has a reading goal for third graders, there for the stressing of transition into kindergarten is crucial. Personally volunteering to speak with the superintendent to discuss this matter of kindergarten readiness, SPP transitions, and the District's literacy by third grade goal.</p>
EO	<p>Hearing</p> <p>This site is known for their inclusion work and pushing to get the District to adopt what they have learned in more mainstream education. Unable to tell the difference between students with IEPs and those without which is admirable and sets the bar high on what could be in terms of intentional instruction.</p>
KJ	<p>Family Childcare</p> <p>Small and intimate space and seeing the level of individual care and attention each student was able to receive. Diverse representation in the classroom decoration. Students were welcome and highly receptive to visitors.</p>

2024 Workplan Review

Presenters:

- Dr. Dwane Chappelle, DEEL Department Director

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- Dr. Chappelle overviews the updated 2024 Workplan

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DF	<p>DF-Last year the LOC made recommendations to the execution of underspend that included the Promise Equity Enhancements. Will DEEL be following the same procedure this year?</p> <p>DC-DEEL will not be taking any additional recommendations this year as each of the four recommendations are being fleshed out. Those recommendations are: - Literacy, -Dual Language, -Equity Enhancements, -Mental Health</p> <p>DEEL will provide LOC members that brought forth the issue with updates at the LOC retreat.</p>
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2024 WA Legislative Session Debrief

Presenters:

- Amanda Stoddard, DEEL Strategic Advisor, Government Affairs

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- Amanda debriefed the committee on the status of bills aligned with DEEL's priorities

No discussion occurred during this segment

Educator Diversity Investment

Presenters:

- Leilani Dela Cruz, Director of Early Learning
 - Sonja Griffin, QPPD Manager
- Chris Alejano, Director of K-12 Postsecondary
 - Amelia Moore, Strategy and Engagement Manager
 - Glenn McCray, K-12 Culturally Specific and Responsive Advisor

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- The DEEL team gives an extensive look into the Educator Diversity educator pipeline investment from preschool to postsecondary education

No discussion occurred during this segment

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DF	Is there a process to identify SPS schools that are experts in their craft that can model for rising educators?
DF	Why is STEM not a part of this edu diversity program to encourage more BIPOC rising educators to learn to teach STEM courses?

	<p>CA-Many people of color in those fields often go into companies such a Microsoft and other higher paying jobs rather than teaching. There is also the barrier of individual choice by the educator themselves as to what area they would like to specialize in. As a reminder, elementary school educators are generalists.</p> <p>DC-Open to talk with DF at a later date about the programming DEEL executes regarding encouraging students going into STEM fields.</p> <p><i>SI-highlighting the types of STEM activities in the early childhood education space that may not look like what we understand it to be at this age (ie utilizing building blocks)</i></p>
	<p><i>CMM – emphasizes the important of giving opportunities to BIPOC elementary school students to be exposed to and explore STEM education and occupational fields. Hopes that the City will give more support to the BIPOC students across the district who wish to participate in STEM programs offered. Also highlighted DEEL’s tutoring investments as a way of encouraging BIPOC students to get involved in stem.</i></p>
EO	<p>(RE: K-12 student educators) How are you paying attention to demographic trends? Too many edu prep programs for the shift of demographics of the student body. There is a concern as to which programs will survive and how students will be brought in with the assurance that they will be employed and not saddled with debt.</p> <p><i>SG-Spoke of City’s past work that lead to Colleges offering a degree program to ensure this very thing.</i></p> <p>CA – the investments that DEEL supports with the Districts does have a guarantee of employment (for this specific program). Placements are imperative for students and while there is a filtering process in place, we don’t want to encourage students to pursue paths where there is not placement for them.</p> <p><i>GM-Discusses the notion of past placement there is also the retention conversation that needs to happen in support of new educators.</i></p>

2024 Annual Retreat

Presenters:

- Dr. Chappelle overviews the rough agenda of the 2024 Annual Retreat

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No discussion occurred during this segment

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:21 p.m.

VI. DEEL Follow-up to LOC Member Questions

- DEEL will send out the packet for the 2024 Annual Retreat
- DC will follow up with Dr. Felder about the programs that DEEL supports/funds to encourage students to pursue STEM careers.
- DC will follow up on the Literacy, Mental Health, Dual Language, and Equity Enhancements recommendations from the LOC in previous meetings at the upcoming retreat.