

FAMILIES, EDUCATION, PRESCHOOL, AND PROMISE LEVY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

WebEx Meeting

Thursday, November 18, 2021

MEETING MINUTES

I. Call to Order

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

II. Attendees

Members Present: Donald Felder, Trish Dziko, Stephanie Gardner, Marques Gittens, Susan Lee, Jennifer Matter, Vy Nguyen (on behalf of Council President Lorena González), Erin Okuno, Shouan Pan, Constance Rice, Manuela Slye, Kimberly Walker

Others Present: Chris Alejano (DEEL), Dwane Chappelle (DEEL), Kamaria Hightower (DEEL), Isis Randolph-McCree (DEEL), Jonathan Swift (DEEL), Mei-Li Thomas (DEEL), Lisa Gaccione (City Budget Office), Melody McMillan (Seattle Colleges), Cashel Toner (SPS), Erin MacDougall (PHSKC), Sara Rigel (PHSKC)

III. Reports

The meeting began with a welcome and introduction by Dwane Chappelle, Director of the Department of Education and Early Learning (DEEL). The meeting continued with a review of the meeting's outcomes, Color Brave Space, Levy Oversight Committee roles and responsibilities, and the approval of the October 28 meeting minutes.

Legislative Updates

Mei-Li Thomas, DEEL's Sr. Planning and Development Specialist, informed the Levy Oversight Committee (LOC) that DEEL has moved forward with the proposed amendments to its budget and the amendments were introduced to Council back on October 26, 2021. In mid-November, the FEPP Implementation Plan amendments will be transmitted to Council where Council will begin discussions, balance package and amendments, and a final vote will be cast by full Council on the transmitted amendments.

2022 Budget Update

Jonathan Swift, DEEL's Director of Finance and Operations, provided an update on DEEL's 2022 budget. He informed the LOC that the budget process has been going smoothly. With regard to FEPP, the budget remains intact with DEEL receiving good

feedback from various council members on the work the department is doing. Mr. Swift also updated the LOC on a few notable notes regarding recent enhancements to DEEL's non-FEPP budget. These enhancements pertain to:

- Mental health services for school-based public health centers
- Culturally responsive programming with an emphasis on language access for K-12 students
- An addition to the budget to extend a pilot on restorative justice programming focused on Seattle Public Schools.

In addition to these enhancements, Council proposed a funding swap that would replace \$4.4M in Federal resources with \$4.4M of FEPP undesignated fund balance. 2021-2023 Equity enhancements for Promise scholars were initially funded with \$10.7M of Federal funds. These equity enhancements are intact and are not at risk, but the source of funds will change. Council will reallocate the \$4.4M in Federal funding to other priorities. Council included a draft restriction in DEEL's 2022 budget requesting the LOC's review and endorsement of this use of FEPP funds, and DEEL asked the LOC to endorse this use of funds to ensure these Promise investments continue to move forward.

Prior to the LOC's vote on this matter, there were several comments and questions from LOC members relating to underspend and future spending, many of which highlighted that any unspent funding should be used for a specific purpose and should be reallocated for the highest and best use.

Call to Vote

"The Levy Oversight Committee endorses the use of \$4.4M of projected 2021 underspend to partially fund Promise equity enhancements and programming."

A motion was placed and seconded, and 11 LOC members voted in support of the motion with 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

FEPP Health Investments

Sara Rigel of Public Health – Seattle and King County (PHSKC) continued the meeting with an overview of PHSKC, including its role, history, FEPP mental health investments, and a summary of the goals and outcomes related to FEPP K-12 School Health. Highlights of this overview included the following:

- As a partner to DEEL, PHSKC is responsible for the entirety of health investments.
- PHSKC is a steward of FEPP funds and supports the use of these funds through funding agreements with healthcare partners and Seattle Public Schools (SPS).

- PHSKC manages quality and performance improvement for healthcare centers and its program; data collection and reporting; and serves as the primary liaison with SPS for all of this work.
- The goal of FEPP K-12 School Health is for Seattle students to have access to and utilize physical and mental health services that support learning.
 - The outcomes are for students to be healthy and ready to learn; school-based health centers to be evidence-based, high-quality, and provide culturally responsive and equitable care; providers are to implement a best practice model of medical and mental health care; and finally, race-based opportunity gaps are closed.
- The four (4) major buckets of PHSKC health investments include school-based health centers, oral health, school nursing, and health system enhancement.
- School-based mental health supports include school counselors, SBHC mental health providers, substance use counselors, an onsite community mental health agency, family support workers, case manager/social workers, peer-led efforts, restorative justice and racial healing focused efforts, and school climate improvement efforts
- School-based mental health services are divided into 3 tiers on a pyramid:
 - Tier 1 (Universal) – the base that provides supports and services to all students
 - Tier 2 (Targeted) – services needed for some students consisting of more targeted interventions
 - Tier 3 (Intensive) – services offered to a few students with more significant concerns and needs
- Demographic trends related to mental health services are tracked via students' IDs. Public Health receives information about students' visits and from this information, more descriptive data is obtained about the students' demographics and their academic data.
- Health centers are utilizing professional development as one strategy to assist health care providers in becoming more anti-racist in their approach to providing care.

Looking Ahead and Next Steps

The meeting concluded with a review of upcoming LOC meeting dates, upcoming Council meetings in November and December, and LOC next steps and action items.

IV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:23 p.m.