

FAMILIES, EDUCATION, PRESCHOOL, AND PROMISE LEVY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

WebEx Meeting

Thursday, June 24, 2021

MEETING MINUTES

I. Call to Order

Dwane Chappelle called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m.

II. Attendees

Members Present: James Bush (on behalf of Seattle Public Schools Interim Superintendent Brent Jones), Erin Okino, Donald Felder, Constance Rice, Leslie Harris, Vy Nguyen (on behalf of Council President Lorena Gonzales), Shouan Pan, Princess Shareef, Kimberly Walker, Jennifer Matter, Susan Lee

Others Present: Dwane Chappelle (DEEL), Cameron Clark (DEEL), Dana Harrison (DEEL), , Marissa Rousselle (DEEL); Jonathan Swift (DEEL), Mei-Li Thomas (DEEL), Lisa Gaccione (CBO), Keisha Scarlett (SPS), Kurt Buttleman (Seattle Colleges)

III. Reports

The meeting began with a welcome and introduction by Dwane Chappelle, Director of the Department of Education and Early Learning (DEEL). He continued with a review of Color Brave Space. Mei-Li Thomas reviewed meeting outcomes, LOC member roles and responsibilities, meeting's agenda items, and conducted a roll call of meeting attendees.

Due to the lack of a quorum, the LOC did not vote on the meeting minutes or bylaws changes.

FEPP Underspend

Jonathan Swift, DEEL Director of Finance led the LOC in an overview of the current status of the FEPP Underspend.

LOC members engaged in discussion related to the Underspend:

- Slide 16:
 - Erin Okino inquired if the funds could be reallocated from their original bucket; Jonathan confirmed funds can be reallocated from one bucket to another.
 - Jennifer Matter inquired on the origin of the calculated \$2.2mil error found in the Underspend total. Jonathan committed to circle back to the LOC on this error. Lisa Gaccione (City Budget Office) noted an accounting

error from the calculation of the property tax revenues and that the Finance and Administration office is looking into it.

- Slide 18:
 - Vy Ngyuen informed the LOC of XXXX and the Childcare Bonus Fund and how that can affect childcare support providers in the areas of reopening, staying open, or renovating their facilities.

Flexibility Legislation

Marissa Rousselle, DEEL Interim Director of Policy and Communication led the LOC in a discussion on Amendment 3 to the FEPP Levy authorizing Ordinance XX also known as the “Flexibility Legislation.”

- Slide 27:
 - Princess Shareef inquired on what changes to the legislation that the LOC would want to make that would require a legislation change, and when prompted to provide perspective as a school principal confirmed that, yes, she agreed with extending the Flexibility Legislation
 - Shouan Pan stated his agreement with extending the Legislation as there are still unknowns on the impacts of the pandemic on students and their families.
 - Erin Okino asked for clarity on what the Legislation could be used for. Marissa’s response centered around provisions around responding to the pandemic, repurposing funds more broadly to allow for flexibility, and Seattle Preschool Program and Seattle Promise edits.
 - Jennifer Matter stated concerns around creating predictability for childcare providers, to which DEEL responded that childcare specifically is not funded through FEPP and that exposure creates unpredictability, but that the dollars are consistent.
 - The conversation shifted to the importance of how data informs the recommended next moves and referenced the DEEL + SPS Partnership Agreement.
 - There were expressed concerns of overcorrecting the harm experienced by BIPOC students returning to school.

Mei-Li Thomas continued with a brief update on the 2021 Annual Retreat and monthly Office Hours with Department Director Dwane Chappelle.

IV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:08 p.m.