

FAMILIES, EDUCATION, PRESCHOOL, AND PROMISE LEVY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

WebEx Meeting

Thursday, September 23, 2021

MEETING MINUTES

I. Call to Order

Dwane Chappelle called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

II. Attendees

Members Present: James Bush (on behalf of Seattle Public Schools Superintendent Brent Jones), Donald Felder, Lisa Gaccione (on behalf of Mayor Jenny A. Durkan), Susan Lee, Vy Nguyen (on behalf of Council President Lorena González), Erin Okuno, Shouan Pan, Princess Shareef, Constance Rice, Kimberly Walker

Others Present: Chris Alejano (DEEL), Dwane Chappelle (DEEL), Monica Liang-Aguirre (DEEL), Isis Randolph-McCree (DEEL), Marissa Rousselle (DEEL), Mei-Li Thomas (DEEL), , Nicole Turner (SPS), Keisha Scarlett (SPS), Melody McMillan (Colleges)

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 Color Brave Space, LOC member roles and responsibilities, followed by the approval of the August and September 9th meeting minutes.

Budget and Legislative Updates

Marissa Rousselle, DEEL's Interim Director of Policy and Communications, informed the FEPP Levy Oversight Committee that the timeline for the 2022 budget and FEPP amendments has been delayed. She stated that next week, the Mayor will be transmitting the 2022 proposed budget to City Council and DEEL will be presenting to the Council's Special Finance Committee on its budget. As a result, the transmittal of the amendments has been delayed but DEEL anticipates the legislation will be sent to Council in October with the 2022 budget being adopted by Council in November.

The report continued with a review of the policy amendments the LOC recently supported. The LOC was also informed that their draft letter to Council regarding their recommendation to reserve allocated funds from 2020 was currently being reviewed.

FEPP 2021 Retreat Series Debrief

Mei-Li Thomas, DEEL's Planning and Development Specialist, Sr., shared with the LOC the recommendations and opportunities identified by LOC members during the retreat series. These recommendations and opportunities included the following:

Early Learning

- Discuss state and regional shifts
- Explore future opportunities:
 - Flexible service models
 - Family engagement
 - Workforce development

K-12

- Mental Health
 - Leverage FEPP flexibility legislation
 - Convene an action learning group to develop a COVID-19 responsive
- Homelessness
 - Identify other partners to reach families
 - Allow contract to expire if outcomes do not improve
 - Update LOC members contract, RET, and RFI planning
- Professional Development
 - Ensure PD participants bring back learning to their schools and implement practices
 - Measure impact of adult-learning on child/youth outcomes
 - Invite LOC members to advise on SY 21-22 PD plans
 - Coordinate PD with other K-12 FEPP investment areas and CBO partners

Promise

- Stabilize current Promise scholar success
- Leverage data for continuous improvement + program adaptations
- Assess impact of new program components (CLFR)
- Identify sustainable funding for 2023+
- Examine role of HS graduate college + career readiness on Promise completion
- Develop strategy to act on RET recommendations:
 - Charters students (~200)
 - GED students
 - Opportunity Youth

With this information, the next step is for DEEL to internally discuss the topics identified by the LOC and identify opportunities to integrate them into existing workplans. DEEL will also work to share updates with the LOC on non-budgetary items that can be implemented in 2021. Items with policy and budget implementations will be folded into the proposed LOC 2022 workplan.

The meeting continued with the LOC sharing their thoughts and opinions on the retreat process as well as proposals they have for future retreats. Some of the feedback included scheduling a block of time for the smaller retreat groups to meet and deciding on whether the series should be held in-person or remotely.

2021 LOC Calendar

The meeting concluded with a review of the October, November, and December meeting agendas. As of now, the topics for the next two meetings have not been determined yet; however, there will be an end-of-year celebration in the month of December. The LOC was then asked to share their suggestions on possible topics of interest for the October and November meetings.

Suggestions and topics raised for consideration by DEEL included the 2022 LOC workplan, discussion of Best Starts for Kids Levy implementation plan and intersection with FEPP Levy, SY 21-22 implementation updates from SPS and Seattle Colleges, and Seattle Promise process evaluation. LOC members specifically requested attention to “non-signature” programs of FEPP, meaning investments other than preschool and Promise. There were specific calls for attention on how to support community based organizations and families with special needs and developmental delays, mental health, and investments such as Kingmakers of Seattle that were designed from the theoretical framework of “targeted universalism”.

Finally, the LOC members were reminded of the following week’s Office Hours with Dwane scheduled for Tuesday, September 28, which provides an opportunity for LOC members to continue conversations from the previous meeting, ask questions, and/or share their thoughts and recommendations with DEEL’s Director.

IV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.