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Meeting Minutes - Draft CITY, COUNTY, SCHOOLS COLLABORATIVE COMMITTEE

Wednesday, August 14, 2024

5:30 PM

Virtual Meeting

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Nichols called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm

Others present: MMSD Superintendent Dr. Joe Gothard, Tariq Saqqaf

Present: 7 - Linda Vakunta; Tag Evers; TJ McCray; Nichelle Nichols; Laura Simkin;
Brenda Yang and Heidi Wegleitner

Absent: 1 - Bill Tishler

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for the July 10, 2024 of the Committee were unanimously approved
(Vakunta motion, Wegleitner second)

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

1. [84682](#) Public Comment Aug 2024

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None

NEW BUSINESS

2. [84683](#) Remarks and introduction with new MMSD Superintendent - Dr. Joe Gothard

Chair Nichols gave an overview of the committee, its history, structure and purpose. Committee members then introduced themselves and provided some of their own background to Superintendent Gothard.

Superintendent Gothard spoke about his own history and beginnings in MMSD. We talked about his interest in working with the Committee and his orientation for his role as Superintendent. He spoke to the nuance of inclusion and the need to make MMSD work for all students around three guiding values of People, Purpose and Pride.

Committee members asked questions and gave voice to some of their own interests and concerns.

ROLL CALL

Evers left the meeting

3. [84684](#) Follow up Discussion of July MMSD and City Budget Presentations

Follow-up discussion on budget presentations from the July meeting were deferred until a future meeting when more members could be present.

4. [84685](#) Committee Workplan for Remainder of 2024

Some ideas regarding future areas of focus for the Committee included the following ideas:

- Racial Equity Analysis Follow-up from Traffic Safety
- Driver's Education Follow-up
- Language Access
- Homelessness
- Cell Phones in Schools
- Family Support
- Literacy Rates
- Inclusion of Asian American History in MMSD Curriculum

It was noted that in addition to prioritizing the above list attention should be paid to both MMSD Staff capacity to present on the above topics, opportunities to align schedules for presentations as well as a reminder on what it means to work on or dive into an issue.

ADJOURNMENT

McCray made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Vakunta. Meeting was adjourned at 7:02pm.