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Meeting Minutes - Draft CITY, COUNTY, SCHOOLS COLLABORATIVE COMMITTEE

Wednesday, January 10, 2024 5:30 PM Virtual Meeting

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 8 - Linda Vakunta; William Tishler; Tag Evers; TJ McCray; Nichelle Nichols; Maia E. Pearson; Jacob Wright and Heidi Wegleitner

Others Present: Tariq Saqqaf, Michael Lindvall Rep. Baldeh's office, Renee Callaway, Colleen Hayes.

Nichols called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Evers, seconded by Pearson to approve December 13, 2023. Motion passed by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. 81422 Public Comment CCSCC Jan 2024

None.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

2. 81424 Chair's Report

Nichols discussed guests present for driver's education agenda item and the pedestrian safety agenda item.

3. <u>81419</u> Driver's Education - State requirement changes and timeline for new rules Guest: Rep. Samba Baldeh

Nichols introduced Michael Lindvall a Research Assistant from Office of Representative Baldeh's office. Committee members briefly introduced themselves for the speakers. Nichols recapped that the bill passed last month and asked who can access it. Lindvall stated that Act 86 passed last fall. It authorizes the Department of Transportation to provide grants to driver's education providers for individuals that receive free or reduced lunch and qualify for the program. It is currently in the administrative rules process where details and requirements will be finalized.

Current estimates show approximately 128,000 students in high school receive free or reduced lunch. The average cost of driver's education per individual is between \$450-\$600. With this price range approximately 10,000 – 13,000 students could benefit from this act. When Act 86 completes the administrative rules process additional information will be provided.

4. 81420

Pedestrian Safety at School Routes Update Guest: Renee Calloway-City of Madison, Dr. TJ McCray-MMSD

Attachments:

Safe Active Travel to School 01102024.pdf

Nichols introduces Renee Callaway Pedestrian Bicycle Administrator in Traffic Engineering and Colleen Hayes the Pedestrian Bicycle Outreach Specialist. Callaway shared a PowerPoint regarding Safe Routes to School. This federal program teaches kids how to safely travel to and from school.

Calloway and Hayes discussed collaborations between Wisconsin Bike Federation, Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) a federal program, School Traffic Safety Committee (STSC), City and MMSD programs and activities lead by community schools. Callaway discussed criteria for assigning crossing guards to schools. Crossing guards are predominately assigned to elementary schools with the focus on going to schools as students start at the same time, but many students attend after school programs, sports or other activities versus going directly from school to home. Principals can request crossing guards from STSC. There are currently 12 schools on the list. The STSC usually only does 3-4 large overviews per semester. The STSC can provide feedback to improve safety with schools that were already evaluated and have a new concern.

Outreach efforts to students have been successful. These include walking school buses, distributing bike lights, encouraging students to walk or bike to school together, illustrating safer locations for crossing busy streets.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Evers, seconded by Wright to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 pm. Motion passed by voice vote.