

FAMILIES, EDUCATION, PRESCHOOL, AND PROMISE LEVY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Skype Meeting
Thursday, August 27, 2020

MEETING MINUTES

I. Call to Order

Dwane Chappelle called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

II. Attendees

Members Present: Diane DeBacker (on behalf of Seattle Public Schools Superintendent Denise Juneau), Shelby Cooley, Donald Felder, Stephanie Gardner, Chandra Hampson, Erica Johnson (on behalf of Mayor Durkan), Susan Lee, Shouan Pan, Princess Shareef, Constance Rice, Kimberly Walker

Others Present: Dwane Chappelle (DEEL), Cameron Clark (DEEL), Leslie Daniels (DEEL), Dana Harrison (DEEL), Monica Liang-Aguirre (DEEL), Marissa Rousselle (DEEL); Tiffany Preston (DEEL), Tiffany Washington (DEEL)

III. Reports

The meeting began with a welcome and introduction by Dwane Chappelle, Director of the Department of Education and Early Learning (DEEL), followed by a roll call of the meeting's attendees. The roll call was followed by a review of Color Brave Space and the meeting's agenda items.

Marissa Rousselle, DEEL's Communications and External Affairs Manager, continued the meeting with a review of the meeting outcomes, which included the approval of August meeting minutes, to learn about the new LOC members appointments, a discussion of how FEPP investments are adapting to remote learning/COVID context for SY 2020-21, receive an update on the recent K-12 Opportunities and Access funding process, and to learn about additional resources for students and families.

LOC Member Appointments

Dwane Chappelle introduced the new appointees: Shelby Cooley (Council appointed), CCER Research Director; Stephanie Gardner (Mayor appointed), Sova Solutions Program Manager; Jennifer Matter (Council appointed), SEA President; Princess Shareef (Council appointed), Antioch University Faculty Member; and the reappointment of Erin Okuno (Council appointed), SESEC Director.

Early Learning Investment Updates

Monica Liang-Aguirre, DEEL's Early Learning Director, continued the meeting with updates on how the FEPP early learning investments will adapt to remote learning within the COVID context. Seattle Preschool Program (SPP) will offer 3 classroom models: 100% in-person, hybrid, and 100% family-directed remote learning. SPP tuition will be reduced by 50% for tuition-paying SPP participants and free for families whose providers are 100% remote.

Cameron Clark, DEEL's Early Learning Strategic Advisor and Policy Manager, introduced the Family Child Care (FCC) Mentorship model as a recent addition to the FEPP levy. The model will work with existing family childcare providers and paid interns to help them obtain state-licensing. In SY 2019-20, 45 new FCC mentors and 15 interns were trained, and four interns have attained initial licensure through WA Department of Children Youth and Families (DCYF). Eleven additional interns are on track to be licensed in fall 2020.

K-12 Investment Updates

Dana Harrison, Interim Director of DEEL's K-12 and Postsecondary Division, provided updates to the LOC on how the K-12 and Postsecondary FEPP investments are adapting to COVID and remote learning contexts.

Given remote learning, there is a need to make sure that student well-being is centered. DEEL is working with partners in the City's Human Services Department (HSD), the YMCA, and SPS, to provide virtual learning support, social-emotional support, and basic needs services to meet students' non-academic needs and ensure they can engage in a remote context.

Five actions were taken across all K-12 FEPP investment areas to support youth furthest from educational justice and to provide opportunities to learn, connect to the community, and to stay safe:

- Modifying services to socially distanced and remote learning environments
- Adapting technical assistance and professional development opportunities
- Enhancing support for wraparound care
- Revising performance and accountability expectations
- Pivoting resources to support new or enhanced services

Culturally Specific & Responsive investments support the Seattle Public School's Kingmakers program. This investment area includes mentoring, teacher, and educator diversity pipeline work.

School-Based Health Centers (SBHCs) are expected to remain in operation through the remote period. Telehealth supports have also been added to keep people informed of Public Health guidelines through the fall.

DEEL and Seattle Colleges are working on ways to provide remote services to students in Seattle Promise.

Opportunities and Access (OA) Request for Investment (RFI) process reopened after being suspended due to COVID-19 school closures. 10 organizations received the OA awards award for the SY 2020-2021.

Additional Resources and New Investments

The meeting concluded with Director Chappelle informing the LOC of a community resource and new investment. Seattle Parks and Recreation opened registration for full-day child care for school-aged children for SY 2020-2021 on September 8th. DEEL will invest \$5 million from FEPP savings and FEP underspend for investment in BIPOC communities. The funds will be allocated to the ACE Academy F.A.M.E. Program, SY 20-21 remote-learning supports, and efforts to dismantle systemic racism in education.

IV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:43 p.m.