



Education Commission: Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, February 9, 2022 | Time: 2:00 PM

Location: Aurora City Hall, 44 E Downer Place, 5th Floor - Conference Room 5A

Call to Order at 2:01 PM

Present:

Behati Hart (COA), Dr. Jeff Craig (SD129), Angela Rowley (IMSA) Dr. Christine Anderson (SD129), Colette Rozanski (CTE), Dr. Christine Sobek (Waubonsee), Scott Etchison (ACS), Dr. Lynor Johnson (FV Montessori), Dr. Patricia Rooney (SPARK)

Absent:

Darrin Johnson (Family Focus), Dr. Jennifer Norrell (SD131), Dr. Lisa Hichens (BPS102), Dr. Marck Curtis-Chavez (COD), Dr. Todd Leden (CUSD), Sandra Harrison (LITE Leaders), Dr. Rebecca Sherrick (AU) Mariana Osorio (Family Focus), Edward Bugg (Alderman), Dr. Evan Glazer

Others Present:

Ricky Rodgers (AAMOU), Todd Davidson (Intern), Herget Asst. Principal, Eric Fry (GAR), Officer John Martinez (COA/CPU), Nick Pincot (ZSpace)

Public Comment:

- GAR, Activity guide, offering eight programs for youth
- Officer Martinez: Program offering for mentoring youth. Certified ALICE, FEMA run hide fight contact, Weed & Seed public safety program reimplement, ESL contacts.
- Ricky Rodgers: African American Men of Unity, offering mentoring program for at risk youth

Agenda Items:

Next meeting Wed, 3/2/22

Announcements:

- COA update
- Waubonsee – Focusing on public safety topics and career pathways opportunities
- SD129- robotics system and welding coming soon and Mooseheart automotive facility program.
- IMSA – restructuring and extending invite to collaborate. Seeking space/facilities for summer programs due to roof repair; incentives for scholarships and professional development.

- Potential topics for future discussion:
 - Public Safety and Mental Health - Youth Voice Forum Feb 23th, Kane County Health
 - How do we support parents from birth to five?
 - How do we support parents in a transition for their child after high school?
 - How do we address the teacher shortage & retention? How do we build the local pipeline?
 - Bi-Lingual ESL teachers needed
 - (Video) *No small matter* about the cognitive development and excessive screen time
 - How is public education perceived by our community?
 - COA offer to poll community through Zencity platform.

Adjournment: 2:53 PM