



## Education Commission: Regular Meeting Agenda

Date: Wednesday, June 7, 2023 | Time: 2:00 PM

Location: Waubonsee Community College – Downtown Campus, Room 160A

Note: 2pm – 3pm for Education Commission and 3-4pm for Sub Committees

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- Call to Order 2.03pm
- Roll Call
  - Dr. Craig, Dr. Rowley, Colette Rozanski, Dr. Norrell, Dr. Hichens, Dr. Curtiz-Chavez, Lynor Johnson, Sandra Harrison, Beth Cristoffel, Alderman Bugg, Ricky Rodgers, Dr. Sparlin, Dr. Anderson
  - Absent: Dr. Knetl, Darrin Johnson, Dr. Talley, Dr. House, Dr. Leden, Teri Tomaszewicz
- Public Comment
  - Zachary Knoch from Three Fires Council, BSA – event a few weeks ago, money used to reinvest in Aurora and it's youth, consider scouting as the strategic partner, share information
- Others Present
  - Maria Lindsay, Viviana Ramirez, Marty Shannahan, Mavis Bates
- Approval of Minutes: May 3, 2023 – approved and unanimous
- Agenda Items
  - Kristina Murphy, Sustainable Aurora Advisory Board, Chair
    - Lives in 9<sup>th</sup> ward, connected to us through alderman ward, financial incentives to share the schools, she will share the slides with us
    - Green incentives – many grants available
  - Ron/Cynthia update about early childhood reach out this summer.
    - Reviewed the 10 year goal.
    - Discussion about spreading the word about importance of early childhood, how to account for that upon enrollment and testing, what the marketing campaign looks like, multilingual families kept in mind along with new families moving to the area, how to utilize SPARK and their materials, COD can share flyers at their open houses from SPARK, Waubonsee too,
    - LJ will send a summary of the conversation and the goal/objective and additional conversation that goes with that
    - Collette – healthcare organizations probably have someone that could attend this meeting and help us find a way to get the information out to the community – can they attend in the fall?
- Challenges/opportunities
- Announcements
  - Updates on Pathways – conversation we had with them and links are below
    - [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/12N6f2Edb9Yxp18LEH9GdsUw4I63bTYcd4QN\\_e2Qq2mo0/viewform?edit\\_requested=true](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/12N6f2Edb9Yxp18LEH9GdsUw4I63bTYcd4QN_e2Qq2mo0/viewform?edit_requested=true)
    - June meeting at Harper
    - <https://edsystemsniu.org/>
    - <https://www.advanceillinois.org/>
    - <https://ilsuccessnetwork.org/>
    - <https://www.isac.org/>



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- Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 6, 2023. Altered as of 8/28/23 – Moving meeting to Wednesday, 9/15 at 4pm.
- Other Business
  - Thank you to the 3 retiring, Sparlin, Hichens, Anderson
  - See notes from meeting with Cynthia Latimer below.
- Adjournment

Over the ten-year project period, the partners of the Education Commission expect this campaign to yield a documented increase in the number of students demonstrating kindergarten readiness as measured by the KIDS assessment or another identified assessment.

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Contributing project actions to bring about this change will also include identified community-wide metrics:

- Advocating for ancillary-related services supports
- Determining who has previously received Pre-K services & where
  - Adding this question to the enrollment process and tagging in the student management system to use to disaggregate data
- Identifying additional target grade level proficiency to show sustained growth - perhaps 3,5,7
- Organized Strategy
  - Coalescing with SPARK to connect with Early Childhood providers (Private, Public, Family & Friends) beyond the school districts.
  - Explore Sunshine Website to identify family providers
  - Intentional relationship building and partnering with family and friends child care
    - Learning Parties (Thank you, Acknowledge, Validate, Share “Those Little Things”)
      - Bright by Text - Share with families
      - Resources (Gift) - for families attending Learning Party
    - Always keeping in mind ways to encourage the mental health of our parents.

Identify how to engage the community during district and community back-to-school events. Something to go in the backpacks or items to share at locations listed below, as a start.

- Farmers Market
- Churches, Synagogues, and Temples
- Apartment Complexes
- Aurora Housing Authority Lunch and Learn Sessions



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- Girls and Boys Club
- In Track (?name) / DCFS - Thru Sandra Harrison and Ricky Rodgers
- Back-to-School Events
- Food Pantries
- Laundromats
- VNA
- Social Media and well-placed Ads (specific ad dollars)

September 6 - 2pm - Ron and Cynthia to attend Ed Commission - Finalize Impact Goal and supporting actions