



Education Commission: Regular Meeting Agenda

Date: Wednesday, October 12, 2022 | Time: 2:00 PM

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

Call to Order at 2:07 PM

Present:

Behati Hart (COA)
Dr. Christine Anderson (SD129)
Dr. Lisa Hichens (BPS102)
Colette Rozanski (CTE)
Dr. Christine Sobek (Waubonsee)
Dr. Mark Curtis-Chavez (COD)
Sandra Harrison (LITE Leaders)
Darin Johnson (Family Focus)
Dr. John Sparlin (Oswego 308)
Lynor Johnson (FV Montessori)
Angela Rowley (IMSA-proxy)
Patricia Rooney (SPARK)
Beth Christoffel (CFFRV)

Absent

Teri Tomaszekiewicz (AU-proxy)
Michele Clark (COA) Ricky Rodgers (AAMOU)
Edward Bugg (COA, Alderman)
Dr. Jennifer Norrell (SD 131)
Dr. Collette House (ACS)
Dr. Jeff Craig (SD129)
Dr. Todd Leden (CUSD 302)

Others Present:

Jackie Jennings – Director of Youth and Family Grief Services, Fox Valley Hands of Hope
Araceli Ascencio, Community Intervention Specialist, Kane County ROE

Public Comment – None

Approval of Minutes: 9/7/22 – Unanimous (Dr. Sparlin and seconded Collette Rozanski)

Agenda Items

- Confirm members for AU and IMSA, other new members – Need to look into the documents through Mayors' office
- Birth to Five - consider reviewing No Small Matter and sharing information with larger group, using this meeting for planning and at the next meeting say where we are going to go for next 5 months,
- Teacher Shortage & Retention – sending survey to businesses, educational institutions, where is turnover forecasted to happen
- Ideally build in a subcommittee 30 minutes into future meeting
- Safety concerns
 - Do we want the city to come in and share information about the technology to communicate, might be good for a refresher on that, communication always seems to breakdown, maybe a guest presenter, keep this on the ongoing agenda items
- National trends:



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- At this time, schools locally have not seen a dramatic increase in refugees. At this time no support needed.
- Christine said they work with World Relief, is making a connection with us.
- Darrin's organization does work with refugees as well
- Large Unit District Association (LUDA) meeting - reviewed ways to support current staff, ideas for future staffing, focused on staffing shortage. Many members of this group attended the meeting, shared the various takeaways they had
- Beth Christoffel – Scholarships available at CFFRV
 - They have around 200 scholarships available and it is one universal application and they can apply for any, eligible they get notified which ones they qualify for, money for graduate and undergraduate, any accredited school, and new this year, they have 3 through Dunham foundation. Application is open until Dec 9th, trying to get the word out for applicants, happy to come to the schools to meet with parents/students. The service area is a wide range and most are financial need based, have to do a fafsa, etc of 60k or less they qualify
- Announcements
 - Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 2, 2022

Adjournment – 2:52, Dr. Sparlin and Trish Rooney seconded