Board Special Meeting
Work Session: 2020 Reopening Plan
August 5, 2020, 12:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Meeting held remotely

Minutes

Call to Order

Director DeWolf called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. Directors Hampson, Harris, Hersey, Mack, Rankin, Rivera-Smith, and DeWolf participated with Microsoft Teams or by phone.

Work Session: 2020 Reopening Plan

• Section A: OSPI “Washington Schools 2020 Reopening Plan” Requirements, SPS Staff Recommendations and District Data

This work session was staffed by Superintendent Juneau, Chief Legal Counsel Greg Narver, Chief of Equity, Partnerships and Engagement Dr. Keisha Scarlett, Chief Academic Officer Dr. Diane DeBacker, Chief of Student Supports Dr. Concie Pedroza, and Chief of Schools and Continuous Improvement Wyeth Jessee.

The Superintendent and staff presented on preparations for the 2020-21 school year, the proposal to begin in a remote learning environment, and development of a Board Action Report, resolution, and reopening plan for approval by the Board. Staff discussed state legal requirements, engagement, development of a remote learning playbook, special education, health considerations, potential student schedules, and instructional materials needs.

• Q&A

Directors asked questions of staff and shared comments regarding the planning for the 2020-21 school year. Directors noted concerns about planning for the coming school year, engagement, and open questions. Directors and staff discussed enrollment, plans for attendance, special education services, school day schedules, social emotional learning, student engagement, curriculum, childcare, and provision of materials to students.

• Section B: Expert Panel of Community Partners

Director DeWolf introduced the panelists, who spoke about planning for the coming school year, outdoor education, and collaboration with community partners. Panelists included students Leah Scott and Trevon Mitchell; Brandee Paisano, Area Director, Boys and Girls Club of King County; David Beard, Policy and Advocacy Director, School’s Out Washington; Erin Okuno, Executive Director, Southeast Seattle Education Coalition; Frank Bell, MD, FAAP - pediatrician, infectious disease physician, Swedish Medical Center, Board member, Washington Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics; State Rep. Nicole Macri, 43rd Legislative District; Seattle Public Schools teachers Jessica Levine and Connor Lee; Ken Turner, Ed.D and EMT, Program Supervisor, Health and Physical
Section C: Reopening Resolution, (Directors Hampson, Hersey and Rankin)

Directors Hampson and Hersey provide background on the development of the proposed substitute reopening resolution and spoke about engaging community based organizations and reimagining the educational environment.

Q&A

Directors discussed the proposed substitute resolution and discussed incorporating outdoor education into planning for the 2020-21 school year. Directors discussed the formation of task forces, creating pilots, working with community organizations, budget and capacity constraints, the school year calendar, and community engagement.

Adjourn

This meeting adjourned at 3:31 p.m.

This meeting was held remotely per the Governor’s proclamation prohibiting public agencies from conducting meetings subject to the Open Public Meetings Act in-person to curtail the spread of COVID-19, and consistent with School Board Resolution 2019/20-29. Public access was provided remotely through Microsoft Teams and teleconference.

Minutes submitted by:

School Board Office staff