

Board Special Meeting
Work Session: 2020-21 Reopening Update
September 22, 2020, 3:00-4:30 p.m.
Meeting held remotely



Minutes

Call to Order

Director DeWolf called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Directors DeWolf, Hampson, Harris, Hersey, Mack, Rankin and Rivera-Smith participated with Microsoft Teams or by phone.

Work Session: 2020-21 Reopening Update

This work session was staffed by Superintendent Juneau; Chief of Student Support Services Dr. Concie Pedroza; Executive Director of Special Education Trish Campbell; Director of Special Education Tarra Mitchell; Director of Special Education Devin Gurley; Chief of Equity, Partnerships, and Engagement Dr. Keisha Scarlett; Director of Stakeholder Engagement Kirk Mead; Family Partnerships Manager Anita Koyier-Mwamba, and Chief of Schools and Continuous Improvement Wyeth Jessee.

- Special Education

Director Rankin chaired the portion of the work session on Special Education. Chief of Student Support Services Dr. Concie Pedroza, Executive Director of Special Education Trish Campbell, Executive Director of Special Education Devin Gurley, and Director of Special Education Tarra Mitchell presented an overview of the Special Education Fall Plan. They spoke about IEP training, IEP reviews, professional development, in-person services, communication with families and outreach conducted.

Directors and staff discussed student evaluations, meeting students' needs during remote learning, communicating with families of students with IEPs, attendance tracking, and services being provided in-person.

Director Harris asked that Seattle Special Education PTSA be invited to provide content for Friday Memos.

Director Hersey requested a progress update on how many students with IEPs and their families have been contacted and are being served by percentage as a special attention item in the Curriculum & Instruction Policy Committee or by Friday Memo. He asked that the information be broken out specifically for Black males and other students furthest from educational justice.

Director Mack requested to information on the IEP minutes assigned per building and the staffing that's allocated for that. She requested that the information include whether or not IEPs are current, whether there's appropriate staffing, and on a building-by-building basis.

- Family Engagement

Director Hampson chaired the portion of the work session on Family Engagement. Chief of Equity, Partnerships, and Engagement Dr. Keisha Scarlett presented an overview of the policy drivers for family engagement and the role of school leaders in engaging families and communities. Director of Stakeholder Engagement Kirk Mead recognized the staff team, spoke to partnerships with community organizations, and community engagement and language access. Chief of Schools and Continuous Improvement Wyeth Jessee presented on continuous school improvement plans (CSIP) and collaborative efforts related to family engagement.

Director Hampson facilitated a panel consisting of Carlina Brown-Banks, Senior Director of Community Engagement with the Community Center for Education Results; Manuela Slye, SCPTSA President; Uti Hawkins, SEA Vice President; Jennifer Matter, SEA President; Sebrena Burr, SCPTSA Co-Vice President; and Marquita Prinzing, Executive Director of SEA Center for Racial Equality. The panelists spoke about their organizations' family engagement work and partnerships with Seattle Public Schools.

Directors expressed appreciation to the panelists. Directors, staff, and the panelists discussed resources and actions needed to improve family engagement, aligning partnerships, prioritizing families of color, and communication with the Board,

Director Harris requested that staff post weekly in the Friday Memo with at least a one-page and work plans.

Adjourn

Director Hampson adjourned the meeting at 5:03 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. Public access was provided remotely through Microsoft Teams and teleconference.

Minutes submitted by:

School Board Office staff