

Board Special Meeting
School Board Retreat
March 6, 2021 8:30 am – 1:30 pm
Meeting held remotely



Minutes

Call to Order

Director Hampson called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Directors Hampson, Rivera-Smith, Rankin, Hersey, and Harris participated with Microsoft Teams or by phone. Director DeWolf joined the meeting at about 8:40 a.m.

This retreat was staffed by Superintendent Denise Juneau; Chief Financial Officer JoLynn Berge; Chief of Equity, Partnerships and Engagement James Bush; Chief of Public Affairs Carri Campbell; Chief Human Resources Officer Dr. Clover Codd; Chief of Schools and Continuous Improvement Wyeth Jessee; Interim Superintendent Dr. Brent Jones; Chief of Staff Sherri Kokx; Chief Legal Counsel Greg Narver; Chief of Student Support Services Dr. Concie Pedroza; Chief Academic Officer Dr. Keisha Scarlett; Chief of the Office of African American Male Achievement Dr. Mia Williams; Director of Policy and Board Relations Ellie Wilson-Jones, and Director of Board Relations and Strategic Initiatives Julia Warth. Valerie Segrest and AJ Crabill also joined the meeting to present.

Welcome and Meditation

Valerie Segrest, an enrolled member of the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe and Regional Director for Native Food and Knowledge Systems, led a seasonal plant meditation on the dandelion.

Discussion of Board Priorities

AJ Crabill from the Council of Great City Schools facilitated a discussion with Directors and staff on priority setting. Mr. Crabill, Directors, and staff began by individually considering the change they wish to catalyze during their time in leadership; the focus the Board, administration, and individuals personally are placing on those priorities; and what the focus level of each should be. Directors and staff shared and discussed their responses. Mr. Crabill, Directors, and staff engaged in discussion about the Board's role in prioritization and distinguishing between inputs, outputs, and outcomes. Mr. Crabill, Directors, and staff discussed the Board's role representing the vision and the values of the community. Mr. Crabill concluded by sharing recommendations for continued work, and Director Hampson discussed next steps.

This meeting recessed at 11:02 a.m. for a break and reconvened at 11:12 a.m.

Staff Presentation and Discussion: Design for In-Person School

Chief of Schools and Continuous Improvement Wyeth Jessee, Chief of Student Support Services Dr. Concie Pedroza, and Chief Academic Officer Dr. Keisha Scarlett presented on cross-divisional efforts to prepare for the return to in-person learning. Staff spoke about work completed or underway and the

work and decisions still needed. Dr. Scarlett reviewed the third grade reading educational equity model and shared information about the report “Centering black families and justice-focused educators during pandemic remote schooling.”

Director Hampson and Director of Board Relations and Strategic Initiatives Julia Warth facilitated a discussion about planning for the 2021-22 school year and student outcomes to build toward in the coming year and beyond. Directors and staff discussed student outcomes and priorities, including opportunities to rethink the ways students are served in schools and the use of technology.

This meeting recessed at 12:54 p.m. for a break and reconvened at 1:02 p.m.

Board and Staff Discussion: Family and Community Engagement

Director of Board Relations and Strategic Initiatives Julia Warth and Chief of Equity, Partnerships and Engagement James Bush opened a discussion on engagement for the 2021-22 planning process, and then Directors and staff moved into breakout sessions for small group discussions regarding engagement. Directors and staff returned to the full group and reported out on the small group discussions.

Timeline and Next Steps

Director Hampson reviewed a draft timeline, and Directors discussed next steps. Directors discussed developing a shared vision, restructuring meetings, engagement, and the timing and frequency for follow up.

Adjourn

This meeting adjourned at 1:58 p.m.

This meeting was held remotely per the Governor's proclamation allowing public agencies to conduct meetings subject to the Open Public Meetings Act remotely to curtail the spread of COVID-19. Public access was provided remotely online and by teleconference.

Minutes submitted by:

School Board Office Staff