Board Special Meeting

Work Session: Student Outcomes Focused Governance and Planning/Fall 2021-22

Planning Prep

March 31, 2021, 4:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Meeting held remotely



Minutes

Call to Order

Director Hampson called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m. Directors DeWolf, Dury, Hersey, Rankin, and Rivera-Smith participated with Microsoft Teams or by phone. Director Harris was not present.

Work Session: Student Outcomes Focused Governance and Planning/Plan Prep for Fall 2021-22

This work session was staffed by Dr. Jones, Interim Superintendent, and other district staff. AJ Crabill of the Council of Great City Schools led the discussion.

Mr. Crabill provided an introduction on the concepts of goals (community's vision for student outcomes) and guardrails (community's values) in student outcomes focused governance. Directors reflected on the experience of the activity they engaged in to prepare for the meeting, in which they were asked to examine Seattle Excellence (the Seattle Public Schools strategic plan) and identify SMART (Strategic, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, Timebound) goals and guardrails, based on the plan.

The Board's responsibility to establish a north star of priorities based on community vision and values; maintain and be accountable for the community's vision and values; and align behavior, processes, and systems with the vision and values was also discussed.

Mr. Crabill then led the Directors in a conversation on the goals and guardrails Directors drafted in advance of the meeting, with each director offering a goal and workshopping the goal components. Mr. Crabill and Directors discussed maintaining focus on what students know and can do as a result of their time at SPS; the need to prioritize resources based on goal scope; and the tenet of using an asset-based approach in the design of goals and measurements.

Mr. Crabill closed the conversation by outlining next steps for a continuation of the conversation on guardrails, as well as determining the goals and guardrails to be employed by the Seattle School Board.

Adjourn

This meeting adjourned at 7:31 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