

REPORT OF THE BOARD'S DELEGATE TO THE TITLE I DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL (DAC)

October 25, 2018

Submitted by Director Paula Phillips

Meeting of the District Advisory Council Thursday, June 7, 2018

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Title I District Advisory Council was called to order at 6:08 p.m. on Thursday, June 7, 2018, at Neeskara School, 1601 N. Hawley Road, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Present.....Larry McAadoo, Chairperson
 Maria Ortiz, Vice Chairperson
 Jenni Hofschulte, Recording Secretary
 Demetria Anderson, Communications Secretary
 Terry Longo, Parliamentarian
 Tracey Dent, Sergeant at Arms
 Diana Veloz, Member at Large
 Carienna Johnson, Member at Large

Excused.....Valerie Lambrecht, Member at Large

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT REPORT

GET TO KNOW YOUR SUPERINTENDENT AND HIS VISION FOR THE SUCCESS OF OUR DISTRICT.

Interim Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Keith Posley, who began his tenure on May 21, 2018, has identified five priorities for success and has published them in his "Entry Plan," which is available online at <http://mpsmke.com/superintendent>. Gathering community and family feedback is a major focus of the Entry Plan, and the district is seeking open and honest feedback. To provide your feedback, please visit mpsmke.com/feedback and complete the survey.

Enrollment for June Term and Summer Academy is open for students looking to fight the "summer slide" or to catch up on their school work. Visit www.mpsmke.com/Enroll to find out more

REVIEW OF MAY 2018 MINUTES

Carienna Johnson moved to approve the minutes of May 2018. Maria Ortiz seconded. Motion passed.

POSITIVE NOTES

(1) Rachel Kennison reported that the Academy for Accelerated Learning is the only designated Platinum school in RTI.

(2) Burdick is getting a new playground in 2019

(3) Bayview High School's culinary and engineering program is giving money for college to students who do well. The school's community is campaigning to keep the school a neighborhood school.

(4) Terry Longo reported that Longfellow School has achieved 89% of its stated goals and has been awarded gold status by DPI.

(5) Melissa Zombor reported that Neeskara: held its annual food truck night with over 15 trucks. The school has received on a dozen leads about families who are not yet enrolled in MPS and will follow up with them over the summer.

(6) Demetria Anderson congratulations the 4th-grade teachers and students and parent chaperones and junior chaperones from Golda Meir on successful trips to the Grand Canyon and Denmark.

(7) Vicky Cornejo reported that 10 of Bayview's seniors are up for honors at graduation this year. Also, the lab has won a \$25,000 grant.

(8) Annie Crocket thanked Hamilton High School for helping her two granddaughters to get back on target with this summer program. She also thanked West Side Academy for letting her volunteer everyday with her grandson, who was being bullied. It helped him focus again.

(9) Melody Lawrence reported that Lowell International Elementary School had its end-of-the-year carnival which was a great success. The children as well as the adults had a great time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VOTE ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO BYLAWS CHANGES

Action Item 1

(1) The proposed changes dilute DAC's commitment to have a large slate of folks who agree to participate, consistency, and commitment.

(2) What brought these changes on? People expressed concerns that they wanted to serve on the DAC, but that there already were delegates. They would like to have more delegates.

(3) The proposed changes are unfair — they may disengage folks who cannot arrive right on time and may cause confusion as to who is eligible to vote.

(4) A recommendation was made to return to the old way — two reps and an alternate.

Dan Brown moved to return Action Item 1 back to the Bylaws Committee. Melissa Zombor seconded. There were 19 votes to return Action Item 1 to the Bylaws Committee.

Action Item 2

Recommendation was made to add wording "one vote per school."

Lynn Shaw moved to return Action Item 2 to the Bylaws Committee. Anne Rog seconded, There were 17 votes to return Action Item 2 to committee.

Action Item 3

(1) Dan Brown suggested that the bylaws be amended to "the DAC shall be held on the first Thursday of the month at MPS Central Services." It was pointed out that DAC has been told that it will not have access to the auditorium. The Office of Board Governance consistently has said that the DAC is not allowed to use the Central Services' auditorium

(2) Paula Phillips, the Milwaukee Board of School Directors' representative to DAC, stated that she is frustrated that the parents might be displaced on the first Thursday of the month. She suggested that that the decisions may be being made by the Board's office may not be those of the Board's members themselves. She said that she will work with the Executive Committee to work with the Board and the Administration.

VOTE ON PROPOSED BULLYING-PREVENTION RESOLUTION

A motion was made to approve the resolution with the inclusion of the DAC's feedback as noted in the May 3 feedback from DAC representatives.

28 voted to support the resolution. Adoption of the resolution passed.

NEW BUSINESS

REGIONAL BREAKOUT

In the interests of time, Jenni Hofschulte let the members in table discussions instead of regional break-out discussions.

(1) What topics or information would be most helpful for the DAC to discuss and learn about in 2018/19?

- Parent advocates — how to organize parents around a school or district issue.
- Use a group-communication device
- How to get more parents involved in school committee and activities.
- Children's conduct/foul language
- Teachers should not be touchy-feely with students
- Children's mental health and trauma
- Parents should come to school four times per year
- Train teachers once per month about human relations
- How do parents know if students are following lesson plans?
- Love and logic for parents
- Some DAC members come but do not participate
- Volunteer background checks should not take so long
- How to get more parental involvement
- More time should be allowed for budget discussions
- Class sizes
- Trauma care
- Invite Superintendent of Schools to speak
- What is the process for hiring the new superintendent? Can the DAC have input?
- Next year, if there is an important topic (e.g., budgets), can we please table other topics to give more time to vitally important issues?
- Make schools' budgets open to all parents, not just SECs
- Parents should know their rights and responsibilities in the SECs so that principals cannot circumvent their reps and have random parents sign off on the budgets.
- Changes in program
- Ways to educate parents
- Ways to engage families in school events
- DAC meeting on how to communicate with teachers, etc.

(2) What areas do you think your school could use some help with?

- Staffing
- Staff burnout — staff are doing too much
- Too many restrictions in having to have a staff member at everything
- How to fully integrate "problem students" and deal with underlying issues;

- Making proposals and bullet points more concise.
 - Getting more families from non-English speaking backgrounds involved
 - Class sizes are too large
 - Browning needs an electronic newsletter
 - More communication between DAC and schools
 - A GroupMe would clean up DAC's communication a lot
 - Classes should not be daycares — They should be learning environments. Teachers should not have to tell little [children] to be quiet and sit down.
 - Teachers need to be strict
- (3) What does your school do well that you are most excited about?
- Communicate with parents.(but only in English)

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

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