



EDUCATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Date of Meeting: July 19th, 2023, 4:30 – 6:30 pm

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Members present: Ariel, Glenda Augustine, Mike Berman, Lisa Farhi, Ed Reed, Jacqueline Renfrow, Cecil Rucker, Ilana Simhon, Ansalan Stewart, Wendy Whitaker

Topics of discussion:

1. Approved June 21, 2023 meeting minutes
2. Private School Perspective
 - a. Ariel Mendez collected input on experiences and challenges from St. Elizabeth and shared a summary via email with Commissioners
 - b. Highlights: Funding is challenging, need grants for teacher retention and school supplies; teacher morale is low- need awards or recognition; would like to build relationship with Rockville police/ partner on emergency preparedness.
3. Summary of MCCPTA Summer Central Area Advocacy Meeting
 - a. Ed Reed, Jacqueline Renfrow, and Wendy Whitaker attended a July 18, 2023, MCCPTA Summer Input Forum at Julius West Middle School
 - b. Highlights: Community shared perspectives on Facilities and Boundaries, School Safety, Staffing, and Heterogenous Teacher and Classroom Approaches; MCCPTA will use input to inform development of MCCPTA 2023-24 priorities.
4. Content of Letter to Rockville Mayor and Council
 - a. Letter could help inform the Council on Education Commission progress and focus areas
5. Content of Testimony to Rockville Mayor and Council
 - a. Consider highlighting what we learned about Education and Safety
 - b. Consider timing to highlight parent engagement and school support needs
6. School and Business Partnerships
 - a. Jacqueline Renfrow has been learning about businesses interested in connections and would like to learn more about needs from schools
 - b. Suggestions- Create connection with principals in Rockville; attend an upcoming Cluster Professional Learning Community meeting for principals
7. Other Topics/ New Business
 - a. Discussion of college and career readiness and supported pathways for late middle and high school kids; enhance connection to resources that exist; suggestion to listen and/or push out information for Rockville parents and families
8. Action Items and Next Steps
 - a. Mike B. will edit the Council letter and share with the Commission over email
 - b. Llana S. will connect with Rockville cluster PLC to join an upcoming agenda
 - c. Jackie R. will draft a list of business partnership leads
 - d. Ansalan S. will look into convening PTA Presidents
 - e. August meeting canceled; Commission will reconvene September 20, 2023
9. Adjourned at 6:30 PM