



DAC Meeting Minutes

Date: 12/5/18, 5:30pm

Location: KCPS BOE Building

Susan Stocking, DAC President

- Welcomed everyone and thanked Courtney Adams for her continued support
- Tonight's theme is "Civic Engagement", noting that "We are stronger when we are together".

Redrawn Election Boundaries for KCPS- June Kolkmeier, BOE Secretary and Jennifer Woolfsie, BOE

- Noted the recent change in District Boundaries that will affect the April 2019 BOE election
- The BOE is changing from nine, down to seven Board officers in 2019
- New Board boundary maps were provided along with maps noting State Rep and City Council boundaries, to assist voters with identifying their Board Officers and Government Officials
- KCPS will be hosting a School Board School session, where those interested in running for Board of Education positions or those wanting to understand more about Board member responsibilities can attend in December 8th and 13th.
- DAC is trying to help bring parent voices together in support of KCPS
- There will be a parent legislative training opportunity in January being coordinated by Jennifer and Susan Stocking
- Friday Dec. 7th is a KCPS Legislative Breakfast to address the District's legislative goals for the year
 - Fully fund Title 1 and IPEA
 - Fully fund the Missouri Education formula for schools
 - Fully fund school transportation
 - Level the playing field between KCPS and Charters by requiring both to submit the same documentation
 - Provide the BOE veto power over TIF agreements

KCPS Equity Initiatives- Matthew Oates, BOE

- Noted the importance of parents and the public to contact their legislators
- KCPS established a new BOE 0.0 policy addressing District Equity after reviewing more than 12 other districts Equity policies
- District has goals to achieve that speak to equity in both economic and racial perspectives
- They interacted with the National School Board Association while developing this Equity Policy
- Access to athletics is still lacking within KCPS, but is being addressed
- A three tiered system based on needs is being used to address equity issues at the Elementary level along with reorganization of curriculum to facilitate equity
- The 2018-2019 school year budget was increased in some teaching and support positions to accommodate higher levels of support to insure improved equity

TIF (Tax Incremental Financing) Economic Development Financing- Dr. Bruce Eddy, Coalition for Kansas City Economic Development Reform

- Dr. Eddy manages Kansas City's Mental Health Funds
- The Economic Development Council (EDC) was created by city hall to deal with special financing issues dealing with geographical areas in need of improvement
- TIF is basically a tax diversion mechanism, by which developers can reduce or eliminate their taxation requirements over many years, which causes schools to lose a significant amount of tax dollars that should have went toward education (it also affects public libraries)
- The lack of quality oversight has been an issue with TIF agreements
- Schools north of the river have not been impacted similarly as their TIF agreements don't affect their property tax money
- These tax abatements are driving gentrification in neighborhoods
- The Coalition for Reform is continuing to talk to city leaders about this TIF problem, as an example a recent TIF was awarded that allowed the developer to avoid paying property tax for 45 years
- Dr. Eddy asked for support and suggested parents and community visit their Facebook page (KC TIF Watch)
- Jennifer noted that KCPS had lost about \$35 Million dollars per year of tax support due to TIF

Legal Services- Cori Smith, Project Director "Justice in the Schools" legal clinic (email: csmith@lawmo.org, phone: 816-418-2061, web: <https://lawmo.org/justice-in-the-schools/>)

- Services provided free to income eligible families
- Clinic is a joint effort of Legal Aid of Western Missouri, the KC Health Dept., and KCPS
- Legal assistance for multiple issues such as mobility problems, housing issues, health care, consumer matters, guardianship matters
- Will be presenting as part of the Family Empowerment Series at Banneker Elem on Jan 8th from 5-7pm
- Income eligibility is based on 125% of the poverty level, which is about \$15K for a one person household
- Secondary contact is Lindsey Graham (email: lgraham@lawmo.org, phone: 816-418-2062)
- Information also available thru KCPS (web: kcpublicschools.org/justice)

Truman Medical Center- Kael Martin, Community Health Project Specialist, Jane Bardwell, Manager of Community Education Services, Hayat Abdullahi, Director of Community Health Strategies and Innovations (web: <https://www.trumed.org/resources/community-outreach>)

- Wellness connection programing to address weight loss, mobile food market, and education services
- Additional work for 2019 will be done in conjunction with Samara Crawford-Herrera, KCPS Community Partnerships, Advocacy and Engagement Manager

- Mission to address a shortage of staffing in the medical field
- They provide knowledge to high school student regarding the various career opportunities
- They provide training experiences thru various programs:
 - Medical Explorers meet monthly to give students hands on experiences
 - Pathways to Nursing at Manual Tech
 - Road to Reality at Lincoln Prep and Penn Valley Community College
- Incomes of \$98K available with 2 year degrees
- They hope to initiate a program for middle school students in 2019

Announcements

- Susan- noted that East High School was holding a mayoral candidate forum this same evening
- Steve Culver, KC area rep for Scholastic Education- provided a table of resource examples including family and summer enrichment literature, schools can sign up to get some books at lower prices than normal retail
- Joe Phillips, KCPS Director of Technology- displayed the new chrome computer notebooks that are to be distributed to replace the older notebooks for grades 3-6 (after the holiday break), the new tablets are robust and well tested, IT is planning to survey teachers and parents in January
- Susan- If anyone is interested in being a parent advocate for school tours, there is a sign-up sheet
- Lisa- NE Middle School Parent Engagement meeting is Thursday Dec. 6th
- Susan- A David Sterling quote “If you want to change the world, you have to empower people. That’s the only way you make any permanent effective change on the world.”
- Next DAC meeting is Jan 16th and the theme is “Giving Back”

Meeting Adjourned