DAC General Meeting Minutes
Date: 05/03/23, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Location: Kansas City Public Schools Board of Education Building and Zoom

Welcome and Introductions
- Angie Lile, DAC Chair
  - Meeting called to order

Hour 1: Remarks and Presentations
- Dr. Jennifer Collier, KCPS Superintendent
- Rita Cortés, KCPS School Board Member
- Emmalyn Case, Be SMART
- Cecillia Belser-Patton: Founder, Building Just Systems
- Lori Peters, KCPS Extended Learning Opportunities Manager

Hour 2: KCPS Budget Discussion
- Dr. Derald Davis, KCPS Deputy Superintendent
- Erin Thompson, KCPS Budget Manager

Election: DAC Executive Board

Hour 1

- Dr. Jennifer Collier KCPS Superintendent:
  - Acknowledged DAC members, importance of work of the group
  - Committed to partnering with parents
  - Welcome parents to reach out and comment when mistakes or missteps are made at Board of Education, school district
  - Moving Forward Together
    - District lead, parent co lead, community co lead for committees

- Rita Cortés, KCPS School Board Member
  - KCPS board of directors
  - Appreciate involvement of parents. Recognize the importance of what parents have to say. Parental voices matter

- Emmalyn Case, Be SMART
  - Parent at Hale Cook Elementary (Kindergarten student)
  - Everytown for Gun Safety
  - Gun deaths are the leading cause of death among children today
  - SMART – Secure, Model, Ask, Recognize, Tell
    - Secure
      - 13 million homes
      - Children know where guns are stored
• Store guns and make inaccessible to kids

  ▪ **Model**
    - Adults’ responsibility to make guns inaccessible
    - Make gun safety part of normal conversation

  ▪ **Ask**
    - Make it part of general safety conversation with friends and family
    - Try e-mail or text for comfort
    - 4.6 million children live in household with a loaded unlocked gun
    - Scenarios of conversations
  
  ▪ **Recognize**
    - Recognize role of guns in suicide
    - 90% suicide attempts using guns end in death
    - 41 percent of child suicides involve a gun
      - 20% of high school kids seriously considered attempting suicide within the last year
    - 41% have easy access to guns

  ▪ **Tell**
    - Tell everyone you know to be SMART with guns
    - Use your voices to encourage people around you to be safer with guns
    - SMART 64433 (text messages to legislators)
      - Curriculum currently adopted by Liberty and NKC School districts
      - Interested in getting curriculum adopted by KCPS
        - Would like to connect with other parents
        - Emmalynmcase@gmail.com
      - Question: Ashley: Vision for implementing in High Schools
        - Getting curriculum and information to families, get the education components to adults in our community education on the importance of safely stowing guns away from children

  • **Cecillia Belser-Patton: Founder, JUST Systems**
    - Restorative practices and trauma informed practices in schools
    - Shifting our lens
      - What stories do we tell ourselves to explain behavior?
      - Negative thoughts about students in their families instead of extending grace and looking at the underlying conditions
    - Trauma? What is it really?
      - Event: actual experience or threat. Lack/withholding/control of material or relational resources
- Experience: perception of the individual, how someone assigns meaning to the event
- Effects: Results (neurological, emotion effects)
  - Private Event Trauma
    - Secrecy
    - Power imbalance
    - Sense of hopelessness
    - Sense of isolation
    - Sense of irretrievable loss
  - Public Event Trauma (COVID)
    - Shared experience
    - Lack of judgment
    - Sense of helplessness
    - Forces beyond control
    - Sense of irretrievable loss
  - Community trauma
    - Combination of experiences that negatively impact a community
    - An event that impacts a few people but has structural and social consequences
  - Stress-Response System
    - Fight, Flight, Freeze
  - Discussion of Historical Trauma within the school district
    - Difference between resources at different schools
  - Chronic Trauma
    - Multiple instances of the same traumatic event, happening to the same person, or environmental or community trauma
  - Prevalence of trauma
    - More than 50% of the general population have experienced at least one traumatic event
    - 90% of the KCPS community have experienced at least one traumatic event
    - Foster care: PTSD rates twice as high as US war veterans
      - Nearly 40% of foster care recipients have witnessed an act of violence
  - The Core Principles
    - Equity
      - Trustworthiness
      - Empowerment
      - Choice
      - Collaboration
      - Safety
  - Change Question from “what’s wrong with you” to “what happened to you”
  - Alive and Well Communities (www.awcommunities.org)
    - Started in 2020 to provide trauma informed response to providing support
  - Opportunity for trainings during the summer
    - Through community, DAC, SAC, and other parent teacher organizations
  - Question: How do you get involved, stay connected?
Reaching out through UMKC department of community members

- Question: will you organization partner with tier 3 schools with restorative justice programs?
  - Yes, recommend that restorative justice (RJ) coordinator in schools be part of the team with this program
  - Southeast RJ individuals are part of the program
- Question: with the schools closing, will you go over this again at their new schools
  - DESE Missouri model for trauma informed schools
  - Trauma clinicians in common between different schools, will be able to serve the students there
- Question: is there a listing of contacts at each school?
  - At KCPS website, you can find the staff and the trauma clinician that is there
- Question: violence within schools, will there be access to trauma informed initiatives within schools?
  - Working on engaging parents and staff at each school to engaged

- Lori Peters, KCPS Extended Learning Opportunities Manager (Note: let’s have Lori discuss summer programs at the March 2024 meeting)
  - Summer Academy Mission & Vision
  - Support success of all Kansas City Public Schools students
  - June 5th – June 29th
  - 4000 students
  - Community Partnerships
    - Boys and Girls Club
    - Alvin Ailey
    - Emmanual Family and Child Development Center
  - Deadline: May 1
    - For families unable to make deadline, encourage parents to get in touch with Boys and Girls Club
    - summerschool@kcpublicschools.org
    - Subject: Boys and Girls Club request
  - Possible Summer activities
    - STEM opportunities
    - KC STEM Alliance
    - Future U
    - Remake Learning KC
    - KC Math Week
    - Mathapalooza at KC Public Schools
    - Robotic Program through Urban League
    - WeCode/KC Robotics
  - Contact Information
    - lpeters@kcpublicschools.org
    - 816-418-5272
Questions: possibility of future coordination with tech department to get summer school confirmation within 24 hours of submission
  ▪ Working on improving system to push out notification earlier in school year

Question: will PowerPoint be online?
  ▪ Yes

Question: Staffing? Will FLA just have 1 class for mandarin?
  ▪ Still have openings at different sites.
  ▪ Positions are internal, must be certified teachers in their knowledge area

Question: Partnership with Boys and Girls Club?
  ▪ Cannot be enrolled in both programs (KCPS summer school and B&G Club). Boys and Girls club is 9 weeks enrollment. Pretest, post-test. Curriculum the district has provided.

Hour 2: Budget Discussion

- Courtney Adams
  o Feedback from parents?
  o What are barriers?
  o How can we better support?
  o How can we better foster parent engagement?

- Dr. Derald Davis, KCPS Deputy Superintendent
  o Fiscal Year 2024
  o Priorities
    ▪ Teacher Salary Increases
      • Increased starting pay to $46,650
    ▪ Reading Math & Academic Interventionists
      • 5 Rocks
    ▪ FACE (Family and Community Engagement)
    ▪ Building Substitutes
      • 2 building subs in every school
    ▪ Elementary Instrumental Music for Grades 4 – 6
      • How are instruments dispersed?
      • How many schools?
    ▪ High Dosage Tutoring
      • Tutoring in small groups in TIER III schools
    ▪ “Beyond the Four Walls” Field Trips
      • At least 2 field trips per school year align to curriculum
    ▪ School Safety
      • Additional security officers that will monitor elementary schools
      • Secure perimeter
      • System and policies that ensure only staff, students, and visitors have access
      • Ballistic shield at all school locations
Erin Thompson, KCPS Budget Manager

- Funding
  - Tax Revenue
  - Increase of 19.66%
  - 75% of operating budget is funded from tax revenue
  - Time for General Obligation Bond
  - Current deferred maintenance of 300 million dollars
  - 67% of budget is people

- Questions: Share where you are in the budget process
  - Still in the budget process, still getting information in. Currently being invited to multiple counsels

- Questions: Timeline for budget approval
  - June 24th, statutory deadline is June 30th

- Questions: ESRE funding
  - FACE positions and building subs are funded through ESRE
  - Funding HVAC systems

- Questions: teacher salary increases, are their increases being made across the board or in just a few
  - All teachers experienced increase pay

- Question: Beyond the four walls
- Question: Volunteers for field trips, will parents have to pay their fee?
  - District will pay for parent volunteers
  - These field trips are on top of any trips funded by the individual school budget.
    2 field trip minimum per school year per student

- Budget Priorities
  - Ranking the priorities
  - Teachers currently receive $500 a semester for supplies
  - Teacher in room felt $200 per month would be helpful
  - Opening ability to shop at Amazon for supplies would help money stretch a bit more

Meeting Adjourned