Community Education Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Date: April 23, 2025
Time: 6:30PM-8:20PM
Location: In person at 1780 West 7th St. and Zoom

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1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Chairperson Erik.

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2. Roll Call / Attendance

Members Present:
• Erik Skold
• Tony Walker
• Katy Mommaerts
• Renada Rutmanis
• Stephanie Berwald
• Rob Lindberg
• Chue Xiong
• Matt Severns
• Nancy Dana
• Katherine Young
• Mulugeta Kebede

Members Absent:
• Mary Barrie
• Katie Bliss
• Shaina Abrams
• Tiffany Scott Knox
• Marlena Okechukwu

- Thony Thao
- Amy Olson
- Daryl "Brandon" Alkire

Guests/Observers:

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3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (February 2025)

Motion to approve minutes as amended made by Tony W, seconded by Erik S. Motion carried.

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4. New Business
6:50-7:00PM

Budget Presentation for Community Education and discussion led by Tony Walker

- Key take away is expecting to be over budget by $1.4 million next year

7:07PM

Renada Rutmanis presents ABE Budget

- Highlights the consortium budget.
- Expecting to have less hours, less immigrants coming into the country, fear keeping students away as well
- Federal funding feels perilous/in question
- Possible grant funding loss of $400,000

- No longer taking home addresses since it isn't required, and it makes students feel better/safer

7:20PM

Katy Mommaerts Community Programs Budget

- 10,000 enrollments hit for adult, Pre-COVID enrollment topped

7:32PM

Discovery Club Budget Presented by Rob Lindberg

- Summer the most expensive time to operate
- Trying to avoid waitlists and reduce turnover in staff

7:44PM

ECFE Budget by Stephanie Berwald

- 30% reduction for ECFE budget without referendum dollars coming through
- 6 sites are becoming 4 hubs
- Talking about Highland Park impact on families with Matt Severns
- Top priority from Tony W. and Stephanie B. is, "How many jobs can you save?"
- New Nature PreK opening at J. J. Hill to set up a new line of revenue

8:00PM

Admin budget presented by Tony Walker

- Budgeting for Nutrition Services at J.J. Hill

8:15PM

- Flipside budget presented by Tony Walker
- More grants being pursued

8:20PM

Motion to approve budget by Erik Skold

- Seconded by Nancy Dana with praise on handling of shortfall
- Budget Passes

Community Partner Updates

Summer Choice Fair This Sunday

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:20PM

- Next meeting TBD based on community feedback