Community Education Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
Date: February 20, 2025
Time: 6:30 PM 8:00 PM
Location: Online - 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
- Thoa Thorny
- Shaina Abrams
- Tiffany Scott Knox

Members Absent:

- Nancy Dana
- Matt Severns
- Chue Xiong
- Mary Barrie
- Katie Bliss

Guests/Observers:

- Kristi Rogalla

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3. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda made by Erik S, seconded by Tony W.
Motion passed unanimously.

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4. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (January 2025)

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

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6. New Business

6:40 – 7:10 PM | SPPS Updates

Presented by: Tony W,

- **Superintendent's Update:** Selected Dr. Stacy Stanley – Start date early
- **Legislative Agenda:** Advocacy focus areas include increased state funding for afterschool programming, expanded broadband access, and support for community schools.
- **Schools & Budget:** Budget planning underway; feedback sessions scheduled for March. Noted challenges: declining enrollment, rising costs.
- **Facilities Master Plan 2.0:** Phase II roll-out includes energy efficiency upgrades, equity audits of building conditions, and future community forums.

Questions from the council included:

- Concerns about equitable distribution of facilities improvements.
- Suggestions to co-locate programming in underutilized buildings.

7:10 – 7:25 PM | Community Needs Assessment Update

Presented by: Kristi Rogalla, CE Program Manager

- Key themes emerging: Youth mental health support, senior engagement, culturally specific programming.
- Early survey participation strong; more input needed from families with children under age 10.
- Next step: Listening sessions scheduled for March-April.

Council feedback emphasized:

- Need to reach immigrant and refugee communities.

- Partnering with schools and faith groups to gather broader input.

7:25 – 7:40 PM | Program Updates and Feedback

Presented by: Katy M, Renada R, Rob L, Stephanie B, Program Supervisors

- Winter term showed strong participation, especially in language and arts courses.
- New pilot: "Young Leaders Lab" for middle school students—early signs of success.
- Online registration improvements noted, but some accessibility concerns persist.

Discussion included:

- Positive feedback from families about intergenerational programming.
- Suggestion to explore evening childcare options to boost adult program access.

7:40 – 7:55 PM | Community Partners Program Updates *(Informing & Understanding)*

Presenters: Representatives from Sprockets, Parks & Rec, Public Libraries, and Schools

- **Sprockets:** New website data updates.
- **Parks & Rec:** Family programming and community center openings.
- **Libraries:** no report
- **Schools:** no report

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.
Next meeting scheduled for **April 23, 2025, at 6:00 PM**
