

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES COLLABORATIVE COMMISSION
MEETING NOTES – DECEMBER 12, 2018
CITY HALL, SISTER CITIES

ATTENDANCE

Councilman John Chapman
Julie Crawford
Rose Dawson
Laura Durham
Kate Garvey
Glenn Hopkins

Amanda Hazelwood
Jamica Littles
Tammy Mann
Kelley Organek
Maile Organek

Brian Orrenmaa
Javan Owens
Stephen Parker
Isra Shuster
Michelle Smith-Howard

Excused Absent

Councilman Willie Bailey
Bryana Head
Kurt Huffman
Edward O’Keefe
Malka Zeefe

Unexcused Absent

Ameena Ashraf
Joyce Rawlings

Staff

Stacey Hardy-Chandler
Noraine Buttar
Robin Crawley
Chelsea Eickert

Guests

Allen Lomax

Speaker

Dr. Elizabeth Hoover

WELCOME

NEW BUSINESS - PRESENTATION ON SECURLY

Dr. Elizabeth Hoover, Chief Technology Officer at ACPS gave the Commission a presentation on SecURLy. SecURLy is a technology that filters out unwanted categories of content while using the internet and is required for school divisions by federal laws. It also provides parents a portal for monitoring their child’s online activity outside of school. Last spring, ACPS worked with staff and students to develop a technology plan. The Plan includes three goal areas – Learning Environment, Professional Learning, and Infrastructure. They use three lenses to look

at their work: Leadership, Community Experience, and Information. For more information about SecURLy, the parent portal, or the App, please refer to the presentation's slides.

Question from Commissioner: How does it know where the student is?

Answer: Through the Network. The at-home policy gives more freedom at home.

Question from Commissioner: For parents who are not tech savvy, is there a help desk?

Answer: Yes, Securly gives all the support, in different languages.

Monitoring Tools: ACPS uses artificial intelligence to detect cyberbullying and self-harm among students. Dr. Julie Crawford receives alerts from the company. Because of these alerts, she is aware of the challenges and the stressors kids face and knows when kids are in crisis. They ask students what's going on and get them the help they need.

Dr. Hoover went on to explain Common Sense Education and the curriculum used within the schools. Common Sense Media is a tool and resource for parents to converse. Resources are provided to correspond with the concerns of the parents.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF DRAFT NOVEMBER MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

DISCUSS COMMITTEES' WORK

During the last meeting, it was discussed that the committees would meet regularly, flesh out any questions, and talk about action steps.

Advocacy and Policy – has not met yet but the committee will decide on a regular meeting time. Committee members should let Chair Stephen Parker know if there are preferred monthly dates for meetings. The Chair affirmed that there are lots of opportunities for the committee moving forward. There are many aspects of the CYMP reflected in the City package for the upcoming general assembly session. The Advocacy Committee can go through the package and align it with the CYMP and decide how to move priorities forward. The Budget Letter to City Council is another opportunity for the Committee to consider ways to advance the principals and interests of the CYMP. Finally, City Council is putting together a lobby day.

Finance and Grants – the Committee met the day before to discuss 2019 agenda items. In January, they will invite someone from ACPS and from the City to talk to the Commission about the budget. In February, the Committee will meet to see where money is allocated to make sure it aligns with CYMP. In March, the Committee will draft the budget letter. They will figure out the rest of the meetings as priorities arise.

Outreach and Membership – Rose Dawson was thanked for serving as the Committee’s co-chair. The committee will meet at 6:30 p.m. before CYFCC meetings. On Thursday, City Council made some appointments to the CYFCC; they reappointed Rose Dawson for another three-year term, Peter Kallin was appointed to the CYFCC, and there is still one vacancy that’s posted. They are encouraging people to apply. It was Councilman John Chapman’s last meeting, so he was thanked for his support.

Research and Data – the Committee has not met yet. Chair Kelley Organek is seeking some clarification and guidance of the committee’s role and feedback on whether it’s a needed committee. What kind of research and data would be helpful? Making a collective decision about the Committee would be helpful. This matter will be taken back to the next Executive Committee meeting to discuss.

Implementation Monitoring – the Committee met and discussed the same questions as the Research and Data Committee. What is the role of the Research and Data Committee and how might their work inform implementation? Could the Committee be collapsed within the Implementation and Monitoring Committee? Committee member Javan Owens posed more questions during his report out: Where are we? Where do we want to be? What kind of data and info do we need to move forward? How does our work monitor the three buckets? Their next Committee meeting is January 7th.

These questions led to a broader discussion around Commissioners needing more clarity about their role as well as the ongoing difficulty that the CYFCC’s unique structure presents. To have child serving agencies staff the Commission is amazing and complicated. The current structure holds decision makers accountable but it’s awkward at times because of the conflict that it creates. How can Commissioners do this work in non-conflicting ways? Structurally, it’s very complicated and not how things are usually done. Clarity should come from the Charter but the Charter isn’t that specific.

Councilman John Chapman explained that the creators of the current structure wanted to ensure that City and School staff would not just sit on the sidelines, especially when they bring a level of expertise. When you have City and School staff talking about issues, there’s going to be conflict. This Commission is meant to provide citizens an opportunity to engage with government. The CYFCC has struggled with a lot of different pieces because of how it’s set up. If it’s set up without that input, however, the CYFCC is going to miss opportunities for that input.

With the current process, it’s difficult to create an actionable agenda. When people come on to the Commission, there’s an expectation that they can be active actors. The Commissioners are looking for clarity on their roles.

Advocacy, it was noted, is more than just lobbying. It's education. Providing recommendations is not lobbying. People with knowledge and expertise can help those making the "ask" using the education that they provide.

It was suggested to create a new place for specialists and advisory roles. Government leaders can map how everything works together without involving themselves in budget and policy conversations. Would that be workable?

It was suggested to consider a revision of the Committees - consider revising them based on what works and what doesn't work and provide guidance to define roles of City and School staff who are Commissioners. An Orientation Retreat is coming up – this will be a good opportunity to continue this discussion. With a new Council coming on board, the timing might be good to make some changes and to hear from new voices.

Other things to discuss at the retreat: What has been hard and what has been successful? What are the Commission's shortcomings and where are the areas that we are not moving the needle and need to actively address? We can come up with recommendations that don't completely disrupt the structure of the Ordinance but are things that can be enhanced.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

a) Proposed Calendar Events

- i. January 9th Meeting – 1. ACPS Superintendent Dr. Gregory C. Hutchings, Jr. to speak about his agenda, and 2. Discussion of next month's retreat
- ii. February 13th Meeting – CYFCC Orientation Retreat

ADJOURNMENT (8:15 PM)