

## REPORT OF THE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT COMMITTEE

The Student Achievement Committee (SAC) met on Thursday, July 18, 2019 at 1:30 PM at the Cincinnati Public Schools Education Center in the Board Office Conference Room.

### ATTENDEES

#### Student Achievement Committee Members

Chairperson Eve Bolton, Mike Moroski, Ozie Davis III, *absent*

#### Administration/Staff

David Hapner, Substitute Teacher; Justin Leach, Director, Testing and Assessment; Lauren Worley, Chief Communications and Engagement Officer

#### Community Members/Parents

Kate Eisenpress, Erin Fay, Adelyn Hall, Heather Gerker, Carol Gibbs, Howard Konikov, Kathy Lehr, Craig Rozen, John Scott,

### Status of Melrose YMCA Pool

Kathy Lehr, Chief Marketing Officer, YMCA reported that the City Gospel Mission will be using the space that was occupied by the pool and that the pool will still be there, but covered. The Youth Ballet will also be conducting their classes at the location.

Ms. Lehr informed the Committee that the YMCA will be partnering with the Melrose Impact Center and that the entire building will be used by non-profit and ministerial organizations. Examples of those organizations will include Easterseals and the Freestore Foodbank. They will provide services for workforce development, early learning and childhood education.

Ms. Lehr informed the group that the YMCA owns the property, but will be referred to as the Melrose Impact Center and that it will be a complete collaboration between all of the non-profits.

Committee Chairperson expressed the District's desire for additional pool services for CPS students. Ms. Lehr informed the Committee about the Carl H. Linder YMCA pool (West End) and the Richard A. Lindner YMCA pool (Norwood).

Ms. Lehr welcomed the opportunity to continue the conversation about how those pools could be a possibility for the District's use, as well as establishing a partnership with the District. She stated that YMCA "loves working with CPS and that they are totally committed to working with our students.

### Safety Presentation/Establish a Work Plan for Securing a Districtwide Safe Routes to School and Discussion Regarding The City's Plan to Begin a Pedestrian Safety Task Force

Mr. Hapner discussed and reviewed with the Committee his "Safety Concerns" report that included feedback from principals' surveys for elementary schools and research that he conducted for the High Schools. The focus of his report was on the High Schools, although he did discuss the traffic situation/pedestrian safety around the Hyde Park and North Avondale elementary schools.

Mr. Hapner's report included: data for schools where crosswalks are present, new crosswalks needed, more signs or lights and if school zone 20 mile per Hour signs were present. Please find attached Mr. Hapner's report attached to the end of this report.

SAC Member Mike Moroski informed the group that the City is in discussions to begin a "Youth Pedestrian Safety Task Force" and that the District needs to provide the City with information regarding school safety proposals and needs.

Mr. Hapner's report will be shared with the Youth Task Force upon its creation.

Ms. Bolton also informed the Committee about the approximately 1 or 5 million dollar grant that the District was awarded to pilot the Safe Routes to School Program.

**ACTION:** The SAC assigned Ms. Worley to be CPS' Administrative liaison for the Youth Pedestrian Safety Task Force. She will report back to the SAC about the workings of the group. SAC member Moroski will attend the Task Force meetings.

**ACTION:** Chairperson Bolton advised the need to construct a *Safety Subcommittee* to stay informed about work of the City's Task Force. The Administration will appoint an Administrator to the subcommittee to be the liaison for the Task Force as well as gather information that is being created internally. The subcommittee would also update the Safe Routes to School plan. Community liaisons would also be on the Committee.

**ACTION:** Ms. Bolton recommended creating a subcommittee of the Board. The Administration would appoint a liaison to the committee.

The Committee recommended the following tentative list of members for inclusion on the subcommittee:

- Adelyn Hall, Community Learning Center Institute
- Craig Rozen, Community Member
- David Hapner, CPS Substitute Teacher
- Green Umbrella
- Health and Wellness Committee
- Heather Gerker, Strive Partnership
- Howard Konicov, Professor of Sustainable Transportation
- Lauren Worley, CPS Chief Operations Officer
- Michaela Oldfield, Green Umbrella
- Mike Moroski, Board Member
- Sara Henry, Mt. Washington Community Council
- The Early Late Start Times group

### **Crossing Guards Discussion**

Ms. Bolton informed the group that the Board will be discussing and voting on the Crossing Guards at their July 25, 2019 Special Public Board meeting. She also reported that the Board is still working with the City in the transitioning of the Crossing Guards as employees of the District. If this is agreed upon, that transition would take place over six months.

### **Status of CLCs Lead Agencies and Resource Coordinators throughout the District**

Chairperson Bolton reported that the goal of every school being a Community Learning Center is contained in the Board's Strategic Plan.

Chief Communications and Engagement Officer Worley updated the Committee on the report that contained data for all schools within the District that are Title 1 schools, Community Learning Centers and schools that have a Lead Agency and Resource Coordinators.

The Committee discussed the possibility of Community Councils being Lead Agencies within their neighborhood schools.

**ACTION:** Ms. Worley will produce a chart containing where openings are for Lead Agencies and Resource Coordinators, and a job description for those entities.

A copy of the Lead Agencies/Resource Coordinators (2019-2020) is available in the Board office.

### **Review the End of Year LSDMC (Local School Decision Making Committee) Survey Results**

Ms. Worley provided the Committee with an overview of the LSDMC End of School Year Survey. She reported that 74 LSDMC members completed the survey.

Committee Chair Bolton informed the group that the LSDMCs bylaws and manual were just recently reset and should be adhered to.

**ACTION:** Ms. Worley will have her Executive Communications Assistant attend the Administrations August 5, 2019 LSDMC meeting, as she assisted Ms. Worley in managing the reset of the Committee. She will be able provide information about the rework of the group.

A copy of the brief summary of survey is available in the Board office.

### **Request to Change the Dates of SAC Meetings**

Ms. Bolton advised that the Administration inquired about SAC changing the Committee's meeting date and time.

**ACTION:** The SAC discussed with the Administration changing the meetings to the fourth Thursday of each month. The topic will need further discussion to determine a schedule that will work for the Committee and the Administration.

**ACTION:** The SAC agreed to meet on August 1, 2019, 1:30 pm.

### **Administration/Committee Need to Rethink the SAC Workplan Due to The Strategic Plan Draft**

Chairperson Bolton reported that the Administration provided three (Superintendent, Deputy Superintendent, Curriculum Director) suggestions to revamping the SAC's workplan to adhere to the school year. The SAC's workplan is based on a year.

**ACTION:** Ms. Bolton advised the Administration to combine and collaborate on the recommended changes, at the same time reviewing [Board Bylaw: 0155 Committees](#) (*Responsibilities of the Student Achievement Committee*).

### **District Growth Discussion**

The Committee agreed that Hyde Park and Pleasant Ridge Montessori schools growth needs to be addressed. Ms. Bolton advised that Walnut Hills and the east side as well needs to be looked at, along with how the West side is impacted by Gamble Montessori moving into the Mercy school building.

Chairperson Bolton expressed concern about the need for the Administration to announce the change in boundary lines for the North Central Corridor. She informed the Committee that Board President Jones and herself announced the change to the College Hill Forum. She reiterated the need for the announcement to occur at the beginning of this school year.

Ms. Bolton reminded the Administration that the Board approved at its April 3, 2019 Board meeting the Student Achievement Committee's March 21, 2019 meeting minutes that approved changes to the boundary lines for Woodford Paideia, Silverton Paideia, and John P. Parker schools. She also recommended revisiting to make sure that the Pleasant Ridge Cagis boundary lines have been adhered to.

Ms. Worley reported that a conversation needs to take place with Woodford Paideia's LSDMC about it becoming a neighborhood school in 2020-2021. Students currently enrolled would be grandfathered in.

A community member informed the group that there is overcrowding on the east side as a whole, along with Pleasant Ridge Montessori.

A community member reported that she will be providing the SAC with a letter that will delineate overcrowding issues and for discussion at a SAC meeting. The letter is about partnering with CPS in solving the overcrowding at Hyde Park school.

Mr. Moroski advised that in the next five years starting now, have a plan for a third Montessori High School. He also stated that every school is not a magnet and that maybe high schools need to have more boundaries. He also recommended having a discussion on ending open enrollment.

Ms. Worley reported that Great Oaks will have an open enrollment policy that goes in affect the Fall of 2019-2020.

The meeting adjourned at 3:27 PM.

**Student Achievement Committee**

Eve Bolton, Chair  
Ozie Davis III, *absent*  
Mike Moroski

**Staff Liaisons**

Tianay Amat, Deputy Superintendent, *absent*  
Susan Bunte, Deputy Superintendent, *absent*