



LAKEWOOD'S PROMISE ADVISORY BOARD
Thursday, December 3rd, 2020
Zoom Virtual Meeting
Lakewood, WA 98499
7:30 am – 8:30 am

CALL TO ORDER

Ellie Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:31 am.

ATTENDANCE

Promise Advisory Members Present: Ellie Wilson, Andie Gernon, Dr. Wanda Elder, Mary Dodsworth, Leanna Christian, Dr. Michele Johnson, Ron Banner

City Council Liaison: Mary Moss

Staff Present: Brian Humphreys

Youth Council Liaisons: Sarah James, Hank Jones, Brandon Elliott

PUBLIC COMMENT

NONE

MEETING MINUTES

November 5th meeting minutes unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Michele Johnson moved to accept the draft 2021 Lakewood's Promise Work Plan to send to the City Council for consideration, knowing the human services coordinator will make minor changes before sending it. Mary Dodsworth seconded. Unanimously approved.

BOARD MEMBER UPDATES

Youth Council Update: Brandon Elliott read a statement about the issue of youth mental health in Lakewood. The statement was affirmed by Hank Jones and Sarah James. Students are struggling because they cannot interact with each other or their teachers. They have been using digital tools to supplement community as best they can, but youth mental health is poor right now. It was well received and the Board Members recommended finding more opportunities to make that statement available to the community, including reading it at Clover Park School Board meeting in January.

Mary Dodsworth moved to recommend the Youth Council representatives work with Councilmember Mary Moss to share this statement with the City Council/School Board meeting on January 25th 2021. Michele Johnson seconded. Unanimously approved.

Ron Banner recommends getting the word out about youth mental health even sooner and requested the Youth Council members send him a copy of that statement after the meeting.

Michele Johnson shared about Pierce College's virtual building opening on December 2nd that will host several new programs.

Clover Park Technical College received a merit award based on the design of their new building.

Ron Banner gave an update about the Clover Park School District. Only more vulnerable students are meeting in person in small groups while the county is experiencing high-risk numbers of new daily COVID-19 cases. The next target date for starting to bring more students back to classrooms is January 4th, but that will depend on average-new-daily case rates which continue to remain high. The district is trying to balance the well-being of the students with the health and safety of the community, and especially the teachers and staff, especially those who are in high risk categories.

ADJOURN

Ellie Wilson adjourned the meeting at 8:42 am.

Ellie Wilson(digitally signed) 1/7/2021

Ellie Wilson, Chair

Date