



LAKEWOOD'S PROMISE ADVISORY BOARD

Thursday, January 7th, 2021

Zoom Virtual Meeting

Lakewood, WA 98499

7:30 am – 8:30 am

CALL TO ORDER

Ellie Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:34 am.

ATTENDANCE

Promise Advisory Members Present: Ellie Wilson, Andie Gernon, Dr. Wanda Elder, Mary Dodsworth, Dr. Michele Johnson, Superintendent Ron Banner, Beverly Howe, Dr. Joyce Loveday,

City Council Liaison: Mary Moss

Staff Present: Brian Humphreys

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

NONE

MEETING MINUTES

December 3rd meeting minutes unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

James Hughes and Alyssa Simmons from CareerTEAM gave a presentation about their workforce development strategy and their plans to increase their work in Lakewood. They will also give a similar presentation at the monthly Community Collaboration meeting on December 9th.

YOUTH COUNCIL UPDATE

Sarah James gave an update about the issue of youth mental health. Harrison Prep is preparing a student-lead youth mental health event to raise awareness among their peers.

The Youth Council members also gave an update about a meeting with Leanna Christian from the Lakewood's Promise Board about how to increase the Promise Board's communications capacity. The human services coordinator will also follow up with digital communications interns at Pierce College to contribute to that work.

BOARD MEMBER UPDATES

Mary Moss talked about Lakewood Multicultural Coalition being a good connection for CareerTEAM. She also confirmed the City of Lakewood will be continuing for the foreseeable future with all virtual Zoom meetings.

Beverly Howe gave an update about the hospital systems continuing to be at capacity, but the number of COVID-19 patients has leveled off.

Ron Banner presented that the school district is planning to start having students return to campuses starting February 2nd, depending on 14-day new infection rates. The school district also wants to raise awareness about the vaccine and is considering whether the schools would be useful locations for distribution.

Joyce Loveday talked about winter quarter enrollments being lower than hoped, but not surprising due to COVID. About 500 students are currently attending on campus.

Mary Dodsworth reminded the advisory board that this year is the 25th anniversary of the City. Mary is participating in the celebration event planning and the Promise Board will continue to monitor how it might support that.

ADJOURN

Ellie Wilson adjourned the meeting at 8:32 am.

Ellie Wilson (Digitally Signed) 2/4/2021

Ellie Wilson, Chair

Date