



LAKEWOOD'S PROMISE ADVISORY BOARD

Thursday, April 1st, 2021

Zoom Virtual Meeting

Lakewood, WA 98499

7:30 am – 8:30 am

CALL TO ORDER

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

ATTENDANCE

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

City Council Liaison: Mary Moss

Staff Present: Brian Humphreys

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

NONE

MEETING MINUTES

March 4th meeting minutes unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Brian shared about an upcoming walk through workforce development resource fair that will be held in Springbrook Park on Saturday March 29th. Participants will be required to wear masks and maintain physical distancing. The event will correspond with the mobile food truck with the goal of increasing enrollments in higher education programs for Fall 2021.

Brian also shared that there will be a follow up conversation with the Youth Council at their April meeting about how to support healthy mental health for youth and young adults in Lakewood.

YOUTH COUNCIL UPDATE

Hank shared about lack of motivation being largely about fatigue from online learning. Sara affirmed that youth experience lack of motivation from lack of social interaction. Brandon said he believes with things starting to open up that he is experiencing more motivation. Ellie asked about youth becoming eligible for vaccines, and all the youth are enthusiastic about the effect that might have.

BOARD MEMBER UPDATES

Elise shared the Lakewood library is open for walk-ins 10am-1pm and 3pm-close. The library is usually full and busy.

Beverly shared that vaccination sites are progressing. Some nursing students are back doing in-person training again.

Mary Moss shared that the Lakewood Multicultural Coalition is progressing. The City also had a retreat earlier this month. Another warehouse company purchased land in the industrial area which will bring more jobs.

Joyce shared that students and faculty are on campus about 50%. Enrollments are down but will likely increase as things open. A vaccination event will take place on campus on Saturday. There will also be a scholarship celebration in May.

Ron shared that all grades are in hybrid learning. Spring conferences just occurred with 91% parent engagement. Seven educators earned board certifications and three more renewed them. Four students earned Act 6 scholarships. One Lakes student was appointed to the Air Force Academy. Over 1 million meals have been distributed since the beginning of the pandemic. The school district will invest much of their stimulus money into social and academic recovery for students.

Ellie shared that two Communities in Schools students received scholarships to Pierce College and Clover Park Technical College.

Andie talked about the need to be proactive about maintaining, or rebuilding, the strong community ties that Lakewood is known for.

ADJOURN

Ellie Wilson adjourned the meeting at 8:28 am.

Ellie Wilson (signed digitally) 5/6/2021

Ellie Wilson, Chair

Date