



LAKEWOOD'S PROMISE ADVISORY BOARD

Thursday, May 6th, 2021

Zoom Virtual Meeting

Lakewood, WA 98499

7:30 am – 8:30 am

CALL TO ORDER

Ellie Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:32 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

April 1st meeting minutes unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Suzanne Pak and Leslie Mintaraga from Korean Women's Association (KWA) presented about the organizations recent move to their new Lakewood office, their CRISP parenting program, and a new contract with WorkForce Central to start offering workforce development services for youth and young adults in Pierce County. KWA will also be a lead partner for the Tillicum workforce development event on June 12th.

YOUTH COUNCIL UPDATE

Brandon Elliott shared about a recent conversation with Superintendent Banner about youth mental health efforts among the school district. He also shared that the Youth Council recently had Lakewood's CHOICE as a guest speaker to talk about what offering more youth mental health services in the schools might look like.

BOARD MEMBER UPDATES

Joyce shared the Clover Park foundation scholarship celebration begins next week.

Michele shared that Pierce College is going to do a drive through graduation event at the Tacoma Dome for the campuses. Tuition also might be up slightly, but the Washington College Grant will cover that. Michele talked about the need to invest in the college going culture and increase the population with higher ed training. Pierce County is currently at 37% but 70% of jobs in the future will require higher ed training.

Mary Dodsworth shared the City of Lakewood is invited to participate in youth programming with Pierce County. This could provide 80-90% discounts for events in the parks. The challenge right now is finding summer staff for these programs.

Ron shared the school district will try to have in-person graduation. For the Fall the plan is to have in-person learning all day with a virtual option. The district launched an online tutoring tool called Paper. The schools will also continue to host vaccination sites for anyone 16 and older.

Leanna shared about the Lakewood Rotary's three food pantries set up at Lakewood Presbyterian Church, Tillicum Community Center, and Springbrook Park.

Beverly shared that St. Claire will keep having vaccination sites through June. They are also trying to increase education about the safety and effectiveness of the vaccines.

ADJOURN

Ellie Wilson adjourned the meeting at 8:49 am.

Ellie Wilson (signed digitally) _____ 6/3/2021

Ellie Wilson, Chair

Date