

## LAKEWOOD'S PROMISE ADVISORY BOARD

Thursday, September 1st, 2022

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, Kerri Pedrick, Wanda Elder, Michele Johnson, and Kyle Manglona

**Promise Advisory Members Absent:** Joyce Loveday, Ron Banner, Elise Bodell, Megan Dempsey

**City Council Liaison:** Mary Moss, Deputy Mayor

**Staff Present:** Mary Dodsworth and Shannon Bennett

**Guest Presenter:** None

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### PUBLIC COMMENT

NONE

### MEETING MINUTES

Kerri Pedrick moved to approve the June 2, 2022 meeting minutes. Michele Johnson seconded the motion. MPU.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### Status of Youth Mental health and Workforce Development – Shannon Bennett

Shannon gave update on 8/26 Youth Council (YC) kick-off event, which was very well received. Meetings goal was to get members to become familiar with each other prior to beginning regular meetings. Announced we're proposing YC meet twice a month in order to develop the Council into more of a policy making entity and to build on their leadership skills. Also, expanding hosted annual meetings to include three town hall meetings and one annual summit. Michele suggested we focus on what has been laid out to the students know what they'll be getting from participating in YC. Question the students on what leadership skills they want to build on and the knowledge they want to gain and be able to take action on and what actions will come from the town hall meetings. Ellie suggested this should be a learning experience for all members and provide them with skills they can build on throughout their lives. Kerri suggested the ideas expressed tie into Leaders for Change

program and urges both groups to partner on town hall meetings and important youth issues like youth mental health and wellness and awareness around school culture and student life. The action that happens after the town hall can be imbedded in an entire community and not just youth council. One thing she's learned from our students is that there's always MORE we could be doing and to narrow it down to things that are going to be impactful. Be careful of being overzealous with timing and not being able to accomplish the goals we set. CIS is willing to partner in any way they can to grow YC.

Shannon announced Career TEAM is slow going on their workforce development efforts and having problems getting residents to participate in their community employer events and gaining their trust. Workforce Central is looking to host a community resource event in December at City Hall and will present at upcoming community collaboration meeting to gauge member's opinions of needs specific to Lakewood. Kerri suggested Career TEAM partner with community partners who already have relationships with the community and have built trust – do more than just send out flyers.

#### Youth Communications Strategy for Lakewood's Promise Discussion – Ellie Wilson

Ellie recommends getting back to issuing a monthly newsletter. COL staff will gather resources from community partners and draft in monthly newsletters. Wanda volunteered to write an article for possible inclusion in the Suburban Times. Moss pointed out that PC and Sound Transit providing rides from students up to 18 years of age. Kerri asked for clarification on who we're trying to communicate with – adults or youth? Mary M. expressed council's strong interest in what our youth has to say. Michele suggests we verify that we as a board have the authority to publish in the Sub-Times. Shannon will check internally whether LPAB can publish in Sub-Times.

#### Meeting Format – Shannon Bennett

Asked members their feelings on meeting in-person going forward. Mary M said she's open to meeting in-person. Kyle said he's a fan of in-person but because he has another job, it might be challenging, but will try his best to join the meeting in-person. Michele Staff agree we'll offer the hybrid person and that we'll all make a promise to ourselves to show up in person. Ellie suggested past practice of sending someone in your place during absence. Michele expressed her hesitance for sending someone in her place. Kerri expressed the ease for replacement persons to provide updates but to actually engage in conversations and make decisions will be hard.

### **BOARD MEMBER UPDATES**

Wanda – Expressed her happiness for being back in session and in-person.

Ellie – Gave an update on the Habitat Tillicum project which is proposed to be built in September. \$61,000 of the \$100,000 goal has been raised through fund raising events. Friends of Dr. Claudia Thomas have campaigned rigorously in the community and received wonderful feedback. Encouraged people to give what their donation can be divided into multiple parts. If not donating now, than asking for a pledge. Hoping to bring the fundraising efforts to a close by end of September. Has packets of info to share.

Kerri – Announced next year is CIS's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary serving Lakewood students. Currently working on vision for next 30 years. Jordan Jones promoted to Community Engagement Manager to help ramp back up in-person volunteering and mentoring small group programs in schools. Two new

fulltime positions have been created: Sit Coordinator will to focus on youth mental health and behavioral health wellness and will support all 5 school sites with regulation stations, mental health trainings and partnering with district's wellness coordinator. In addition a housing specialist will do site coordination work with students currently experiencing and at risk of experiencing homelessness. Goal is to provide additional and better wraparound supports for students and families. CIS Lakewood is recipient of awarded WA State Fair school supply drive and are looking for volunteers to help accept and sort school supplies on September 9<sup>th</sup> at the fair.

Mary M – Announced Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> tree preservation public hearing and that council and staff are moving forward with 2023 budget planning.

Kyle – Announced his family thoroughly enjoyed Summerfest and his three year old daughter loves the lab school at Pierce College.

Michele – Announced Pierce College is in change mode with her upcoming December 31<sup>st</sup> retirement and is currently searching for a new chancellor with the guidance of a national consultant and are ready to begin first phase of screening semi-finalists. Final candidates will be interviewed in late October and the community will be invited to participate in open forums at both campuses. Planning to bring three finalists in. Celebrating 55<sup>th</sup> year of operations. Legacy of Excellence gala will be held on 10/22. Opening a new building for dental hygiene and vet tech students. Ground breaking will take place on 9/28 at 4:30. Puyallup campus will be doing a groundbreaking on 9/14 for a new STEM building. Really focused on black and brown student excellence which is crucial to spread the word of inclusion and build an anti-racist institution. Announced the legislature provided \$80k per CTE to focus on community based organizations (CBO's) and completion of FAFSA. DACA students are not eligible for federal funds, but you are eligible for WA state aid. Recommends that all of PC colleges collaborate on spending these funds. Will be submitting an RFP including \$400k for CBO's to help college districts work together to serve our community, particularly marginalized communities, where they already have relationships with organizations serving these communities. Goal is to get RFP out by the end of the month. Finally, once PC finalizes a new chancellor an announcement of Michele's replacement will be made in November.

**ADJOURN**

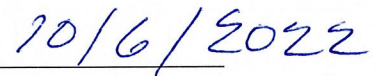
Ellie Wilson adjourned the meeting at 8:28 am.



Prepared by: Shannon Bennett, Human Services Coordinator



Date:



Ellie Wilson, Chair

Date