



LAKEWOOD'S PROMISE ADVISORY BOARD
Thursday, October 6th, 2022
In-Person and Zoom Virtual Meeting
Lakewood, WA 98499
7:30 am – 8:30 am

CALL TO ORDER

Ellie Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:33 am

ATTENDANCE

Promise Advisory Members Present: Ellie Wilson, Kerri Pedrick, Wanda Elder, Michele Johnson, Joyce Loveday and Ron Banner

Promise Advisory Members Absent: Elise Bodell, Megan Dempsey, Mary Dodsworth & Kyle Manglona

City Council Liaison: Mary Moss, Deputy Mayor

Youth Council Liaison: Hank Jones, Alli Laska & Fatima Hernandez

Staff Present: Shannon Bennett

Guest Presenter: None

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PUBLIC COMMENT

NONE

MEETING MINUTES

Ron Banner moved to approve the September 1, 2022 meeting minutes. Joyce Loveday seconded the motion. MPU.

NEW BUSINESS

Review LPAB History – Ellie Wilson

Ellie provided a historical background of the LPAB's history which began in 1990 with the passing of bond and levy campaign for the school district which caused us to take inventory of what was happening in our schools pertaining to the transient student population and research stabilization methods. Looked to Georgia's Communities in Schools for a successful example of working with unsettled youth. Purpose is to deliver 5 Promises authored by Colin Powell and serve as an advisory to City Council on applying the promises to improve our community for our students and families. Dr. Claudia Thomas was an integral part in bringing the information back from Washington DC to Lakewood and forming LPAB. For 7 years Lakewood became one of the cities in the US to receive

the national award of being an excellent place to raise children and families. "Unity in the Community", Dr. Claudia Thomas.

Prepare for Joint Session with City Council - Shannon Bennett

Successes for the year include Youth Summit, two primary work plan goals of mental health and workforce development to include contracts with Joshua Chambers and Career TEAM.

Regarding our goals for the upcoming year, members agreed our goal will be to reengage our communication efforts with the community and our youth. Goals include resuming monthly newsletter and reviewing and improving our communication of how we're facilitating the promise goals to our local youth and to better define the City's expectations for our role in fulfilling the 5 Promises. Michelle suggested we pick one of the promises for the year and follow it through. Hank recommended we choose one that aligns with the Youth Council goals of youth leadership. Ellie recommended more mentoring and job shadowing opportunities. Edith suggested working on mental health, which aligns with the healthy start promise. Kerri encouraged increasing the communication between the Clover Park School District and helping our positive stories and youth successes are shared with the public through the development of a balanced and coordinated communication plan. Ellie suggested reaching out to all community groups to plan events our Youth Council can be engaged in. Ron recommended we pursue efforts to change the narrative from negative to positive. Mary M. suggested the Multicultural Coalition will advertise our efforts. Michele suggested we turn to our YC members for ideas on how to reach the youth through social media and that communication must come at all levels. Hank agreed that we need to meet youth where they are and that many social media outlets are outdated (Facebook, Twitter, etc.) and that the most effective way is through our schools clubs, student groups and sports.

The group decided to focus the November meeting on ours and Youth Council's involvement in the City's annual Christmas Parade.

Kerri suggested we limit our time spent on announcements and updates, or communicate them in a different manner, so we can spend more time engaged in conversation and planning during our meetings.

Joyce announced a new business item. A team is putting together WA Student Achievement Council letter of interest for a grant and would like LPAB to be a partner. \$125k will be used for a one year planning grant to stimulate collaboration and asked LPAB to write a letter of support. The point is to open access to higher education and help improve early access and remove barriers to secondary education. If awarded, the grant funds will be spent to hire, a consultant to help with planning retreats, CIS to gather input from students and families, and a navigator to help coordinate the efforts of the consultant, and to connect students and families to CISL and other publications. Michele moved to take a vote to support the application and provide a letter of support. Ron seconded and the motion and the group approved the motion unanimously. Kerri and Ellie will work to draft the letter by the October 17th deadline

BOARD MEMBER UPDATES

Michele announced applications have been received and are currently under review for a RFP that was issued as a collaborative effort by the colleges to community based organizations with the purpose of promoting post-secondary education and helping students (currently with no plans to attend post-secondary education) to navigate grant application systems (FAFSA, WAISA, etc.). The search for her replacement as Chancellor is down to three candidates. There will be public

forums held at each campus to gain the public's input on the candidates. On October 22nd, the college will host a gala celebrating its 25 year anniversary. Student enrollment is struggling a bit, but is up a little with in-person sessions back in place.


Ron announced that school is back in session. The district is 14 students shy of projected attendance numbers. The data has shown we need to go through some redistricting. The school board proposed to bring the experience down to 7.8%, as compared to the State 10% requirement, and a vote will take place on September 10th and the plan has to be in effect by November 15th. Electronic impact surveys are out and we received a 25% return in less than 24 hours. This past year CPSD settles with three of their unions. October is Principal Appreciation month. Golden Clover cards are available free to our senior population and provide access to school events. CPSD is hiring and will be hosting a booth at the upcoming Truck & Tractor Day.

ADJOURN

Ellie Wilson adjourned the meeting at 8:32 am.



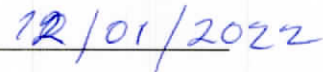
Prepared by: Shannon Bennett, Human Services Coordinator



Date:



Ellie Wilson, Chair



Date