



LAKWOOD'S PROMISE ADVISORY BOARD
Thursday, November 3rd, 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 7:36 am

ATTENDANCE

Promise Advisory Members Present: Ellie Wilson, Kerri Pedrick, Wanda Elder, Michele Johnson, and Mary Dodsworth

Promise Advisory Members Absent: Megan Dempsey, Ron Banner, Kyle Manglona & Joyce Loveday

City Council Liaison: Mary Moss, Deputy Mayor

Youth Council Liaison: Cynthia Rodriguez, Hank Jones, Fatima Hernandez, Alli Laska

Staff Present: Shannon Bennett

Guest Presenter: None

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PUBLIC COMMENT

NONE

MEETING MINUTES

No minutes were approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Mary D. provided a historical background of the City of Lakewood annual Christmas Parade. Members agreed to decorate a truck and distribute Lakewood's Promise bracelets during the December 10th Christmas Parade.

Members continued discussion about communication plan. Michele recommended we focus less on publishing monthly updates and focus more of fulfilling one or more of the 5 Promises in the upcoming year. Kerri recommends we focus on combatting the negative messages out there by sharing the positive events / messages about our CPSD students. Mary D. recommended creating a common tagline amongst our partners to streamline communication of the positive experiences we're all doing through our different programs. Michele suggested we determine if the 5 Promises are still the important things in a young person's life and if they are, than LPAB can take the leadership role

in the ways in which the 5 Promises get promoted and suggested the possibility of a logo being create of what the 5 Promises look like today and market it in a way that reaches a vast audience and that everyone use the logo when fulfilling the initiatives that coincide with the 5 Promises. Cynthia Rodrigues commented on what kind of messages youth currently want to get, to include mental health and fun activities and agreed the Youth Council can distribute the messages. Members also recommended naming a ADHOC committee to help develop a LPAB communication plan.

A brief discussion was had about finding a replacement LPAB member once Michele Johnson steps down. No new member information was determined. Staff will verify if responsibility lies on Pierce College and what the process looks like.

Mary announced City Hall is trying to support the library's efforts and communities access to them as best they can while a new location is determined.

BOARD MEMBER UPDATES

Mary M. Finished a balanced budget. Leaders in the process have been extremely wonderful in het process and Council has been good stewards with the money available. Just met with Congresswoman Strickland. Multicultural Coalition are hosting a gala for Dr. Claudia Thomas on March 3rd, 2023. Currently in the process of finalizing the details.

Kerri provided an update on volunteers being let back into the schools and CIS is currently recruiting mentors with focus on providing our youth with caring adults. Interested persons can logon to <https://lakewood.ciswa.org/volunteer/>

Michel announced Pierce College enrollment is struggling like all other colleges and will be going to legislature with other local colleges. Recently got back from NY City recently presented the trustees with their Regional Equity Leadership Academy, where they were coined as "Fierce Pierce" by colleagues for their language and actions centered around equity and black and brown students.

ADJOURN

Ellie Wilson adjourned the meeting at 8:33 am.



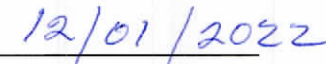
Prepared by: Shannon Bennett, Human Services Coordinator



Date:



Ellie Wilson, Chair



Date