

LAKWOOD'S PROMISE ADVISORY BOARD
Thursday, January 5, 2023
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 7:32 am

ATTENDANCE

Promise Advisory Members Present: Ellie Wilson, Joyce Loveday, Wanda Elder, Michele Johnson, Ron Banner and Mary Dodsworth, Megan Dempsey, Kerri Pedrick, Mary Dodsworth, Julie White

Promise Advisory Members Absent: Kyle Manglona

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

Julie White moved to approve the December 1, 2022 meeting minutes. Wanda Elder seconded the motions respectively. MPU.

NEW BUSINESS

Kerri recommended LPAB focus summer jobs and intern opportunities for youth considered as LPAB focus in spring and emphasized to the members how important and well received the vendor summit was at last year's youth summit. Potential employers were extremely popular attraction amongst attendees. Mary D. expressed the City has a lot of employment opportunities for youth and the need to come up with a better way to get the word out.

Ellie reminded the members to bring their recommendations for board officers to vote on during the February meeting.

Shannon gave an update on the communication plan ad-hoc committee. Members named and initial orientation meeting set for January 19th, 2022. Purpose of the first meeting will be to provide an

overview of LPAB and decide as a group a set schedule. With the purpose of defining what a successful communication plan includes and creating one that successfully relays the highlights within our community. Kerri recommended we want to change the narrative from negative to positive. We need to ask ourselves what is our point and are we trying to change people's minds and what's our message? Ron suggested we need to examine ourselves and what our barriers are to listening. We need to keep in mind our City's history of being a very diverse community with varied philosophical belief systems that can become barriers to hearing our youth.

Members agreed, effective in February, all board member updates will be sent to Shannon prior to each meeting to allow more planning time during each meeting.

BOARD MEMBER UPDATES

Hank reported The Holiday parade was a huge success and youth council members are excited to find more opportunities to volunteer at City events. Second roundtable event is coming up in February or March. Members are currently working to decide on topic, date and location. Youth Summit planning is progressing. Looking to integrate successful elements from 2022 youth summit and how we can grow the event. This year's event is fostering leadership opportunities and potential within each student. How can we build confidence and instill confidence in our local youth. Harrison Prep students are preparing for the end of year and college application period. Ron Banner

Joyce reported 2023 is proving new hope and new opportunity. CT Link transition has really provided positive results, but there are still some struggles with students accessing student aid resources. Our enrollments are down this quarter, Good work is happening at the institution. Manufacturing programs faculty offered and hosted a workshop in December on sustainable industry 4.0 and develop groups to talk about what's happening in the industry and how systems can be controlled from afar. Learned recently CPTC has been accepted in the next Racial Equity and Leadership Academy (RELA) LA cohort. Will start at Dream Conference in February.

Mary D announced City is approaching MLK celebration. This year's will include resident videos on volunteerism and giving back to the community that will be coming out soon. Thanked CPSD staff for their support of the Christmas parade festivities. Announced quarterly Welcome Walks beginning in January. Walks are free and a great resource for new and existing Lakewood residents to become familiar with local resources.

Megan announced St Claire hospital recently received a national award for being one of the top 148 hospitals in the nation and ranked second in Washington State. Recently received an "A" rating from Leap Frog scores. Increased grade from a D to an A so are making great progress. Hospital capacity is full at 132 patients. She's currently working on a Claudia Thomas grant for the Habitat for Humanity project. Finally, St Claire is starting volunteer program again so refer interested parties to Megan.

Wanda urged members to check on their elderly neighbors during the snowy weather.

Julie announced it's her 5th day performing her duties as Chancellor and reiterated Joyce's announcement that colleges are currently working through CT-link issues related to student access to financial aid resources. Pierce College will be presenting at the Dream Conference. They've recently reshaped the criteria for their tenure process to focus more on student learning and equitable student success, with an emphasis on the BIPOC community. Focusing on teaching strategies, data on student performance, and potential gaps for best serving our BIPOC community. New faculty have

gone through a cohort model learning program focused on all of the elements of tenure. Currently engaged in a project with UWT to streamline transfer pathways from PC to UWT. Currently participating in a national search for two new President and anticipate reviewing applications next week. Finally, a dedication of the gym ceremony for Michele Johnson will be tentatively held on February 11th.

Ron reported January is School Board Recognition month. A Lochburn middle school teacher won middle school Science Teach of the Year award from WA Science Teachers Association. Custer Elementary received \$2,000 award from Champions for Success for their academic success. Funds are meant for staff to decide on a project for students. Christmas Parade participation was a success with 200+ CPSD staff, students and parents present. CPSD website and social media feature Learning in Motion classroom vignettes to highlight what's happening in classrooms. Winter weather is upon on so be aware of weather alerts as they come out. Wanda complimented Ron for the focus on academics in the last two CPSD publications. Lastly, Ron asked that in the planning and execution of the Youth Summit Lakewood be at the forefront of the messaging.

Kerri gave a big shout out to our CPHS students. CIS is a small and mighty team and is growing this year to better able to helping students in the housing realm. Brought on a new housing coordinator to work with students and families on housing instabilities. Expanding wellness and social and emotional learning support this year. Partnership with Joshua Chambers and Kiara Holden. Small groups with elementary, middle and high school students starting in February. Finally finished hiring last site coordinator to focus on approving attendance. Already working with principal and staff to develop an implementation plan. Heading into 30th anniversary as an organization. Want to bring community members to celebrate the last 30 years and look ahead to the next 30 years can look like. Kerri announced her acceptance to the National Executive Leadership Development program that includes traveling to four different learning locations throughout the year where the focus will be on learning and growth mindset.

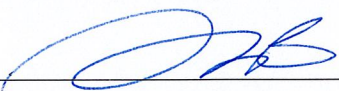
Alli expressed being extremely busy with school and being a member of youth council.

Cynthia announced CPHS completed its first mental health training course. Sophomores, juniors and seniors were invited to participate in three training sessions focused on identifying warning signs for friends having mental health challenges and how to approach the issue.

Ellie announced the Claudia Thomas fundraising efforts are approaching \$90k of their \$100k goal.

ADJOURN

Ellie Wilson adjourned the meeting at 8:31 am.



Prepared by: Shannon Bennett, Human Services Coordinator

2/01/2023

Date:



Ellie Wilson, Chair

2/02/2023

Date