

Mayor's Commission for Children Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 14th, 2020 8 am

Springfield Chamber of Commerce

Bill Foster South Meeting Room

202 S John Q Hammons Parkway

Springfield MO 65806

Commission members present: Missy Riley, Christy Davis, Susie Henderson, Monica Horton, Bria Coale, Jennifer McClure, Linda Saturno

Commission members absent Chris Jarratt

Advisory Council present: Pat Gartland, Dr. Doug McNeal, Dr. Kayce Morton, Amy Chenoweth, John Chastain, Alexis Brown, Dr. Jennifer Baker, Mike White, Jan Fisk, Dr. Denise Fredrick, Kimberly Shinn Brown, Connie Joy

Guests: Brandy Harris and Melanie Stinnett

Chairman Susie Henderson called the meeting to order after the Commission and Advisory Council co had their group picture taken by City photographer Chris Akin. The meeting began at 8:10. Brandy Harris will be sworn in this week and become a member by next meeting. This is Bria's last meeting before she leaves for Ireland. Dr. Elizabeth Andrews will be coming on the Commission to replace Bria.

We also welcomed Rinda Davis and Connie Joy to the advisory council.

Jennifer McClure made a motion to accept minutes as presented. Missy Riley seconded that motion. Motion passed to approve minutes.

Susie Henderson gave us an update on the Burrell and SPS partnership. Missy Riley gave us an updated number of EC spots for the year. 9 classrooms have been added. The actual total is 709. 548 can be counted for Average Daily Attendance. Around 55 spots are still available. 91 percent attendance. 77 percent free and reduced lunch population -about the same as last year.

Rinda Davis gave us an update on Family Connect. We are one of 5 selected for a site visit on February 20-21 for the Social Determinants Program. Dr. Denise Fredrick said the new Early Childhood Center will be named after the School Board meeting. 2 new choice schools will also be voted on at a future board meeting. Jan Fisk encouraged everyone to attend one of the City Strategic plan sessions coming up to provide input. City Revenue-Sales Tax is on Budget.

Brigitte asked for the group to give an area that as a commission they needed to focus on in 2020. From discussion the group felt like a push to acquire more data on behavioral issues identified by the Kindergarten Study. Expanding out to Private/Church related Preschools, Mental Health Consultations as part of the need. Best Practices identified to reduce duplication with limited funds available. A small

group of interested commission and advisory members will be meeting to address the issue moving forward and what impact we could have in the community.

Other topics that we need to be watching:

Screen Time limits for Young Children

Ace Training provided by CPO

Conscious Discipline for Parents through One Stop.

Improvement of individual schools in academic areas for all students within SPS

Putting more teeth and Training in Mandated Reporting