

Mayor's Commission for Children Minutes

Tuesday June 9th at 8 am

Springfield Public Schools Kraft Adm Bldg

Rooms A and B

1359 E Saint Louis Street

Springfield, Mo. 65802

Commission members present: Linda Saturno, Missy Riley, Susie Henderson, Christy Davis, Dr. Elizabeth Andrews, Jennifer McClure, Brandy Harris, Monica Horton

Advisory Council present: John Chastain, Amy Chenoweth, Jan Fisk, Dr. Kayce Morton, Carol Wooten, Rinda Davis, Rinda Davis,

Chairman Susie Henderson welcomed everyone to our social distanced and masked meeting for June.

She introduced presenters from SPS who gave us an update on their elements of the strategic plan for SPS.

Dr. Amy St. John, Director of Performance and Analytics, said this had been an unusual year with virtual learning and no state testing. No data to present currently. Amy introduced Dr. Yvania Garcia-Pusateri, Chief Equity and Diversity Officer and Dr. Nicole Holt, Deputy Superintendent of Academics.

Dr. Garcia Pusateri talked about the action by the district to intentionally focus on historically under-represented and under-resourced groups. Attendance, Academic Success and increased Graduation rates along with a better diverse workforce for Springfield were discussed.

Dr. Holt, focused on the many goals that the district has for children to engage and have positive experiences with their learning. Early childhood continues to be a big focus for the district as expansion continues this fall.

A full copy of their presentations will be sent out to all members.

There was some discussion about Explore going in person in July. What the school year might look like if the numbers of Covid 19 cases increase in the City.

The chamber is not hosting outside groups due to the pandemic. The commission will be looking for a large meeting space or continue with Zoom on future meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00.

