

July 2020 Mayor's Commission for Children Minutes

July 14th 8 a.m.

Zoom call

Members present: Missy Riley, Kristy Davis, Linda Saturno, Susie Henderson, Dr. Elizabeth Andrews, Chris Jarratt, Brandy Harris, Monica Horton

Members absent: Jennifer McClure

Advisory present: Dr. Jennifer Baker, Amy Chenoweth, Alexis Brown, Gerry Lee, Dr. Doug McNeal, Christian Mechlin, Kimberly Shinn Brown, John Chastain. Dr. Kayce Morton, Dr. Denise Fredrick, Carol Wooten, Jan Fisk

Susie Henderson opened the meeting and welcome Dr. Nicole Holt as our newest advisory council meeting. Shara Cash, Pat Gartland terms on the advisory council ended July 1. Connie Joy from James River Academy moved with her family to Iowa in June. Dr. Elizabeth Andrews made a motion to accept the June minutes, Chris Jarratt seconded that motion. Minutes approved.

Most of the discussion at the meeting centered around the enabling tax amendment in HB 1854. Although the tax would be years away it was a lively discussion on what the outcome could look like. Monica Horton urged looking into Music therapy at Shady Dell and The Fulbright Center. The consensus of the group was to look at programs like Family Connect and emphasize 0-3 programs. Strengthening Parents as Teachers to accommodate more students.

Later that day the Governor vetoed the bill. The Commission and the advisory council will move forward to asking that the enabling early childhood legislation will be a city priority in 2021.

Announcements were made by various members on community events and access to programs. Two SPS groundbreaking events were announced. Williams Elementary on Tuesday August 11 at 3 pm.

Hillcrest Wednesday August 12th at 10:30 am.