

Proposed Meeting Minutes

CAREER & EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

Thursday, April 30, 2020

Location: Zoom Meeting

Chair: Conrad Mallett

Co-Chair: Tonya Allen

Attendees:

Nicole Sherard-Freeman, Nicole Stallings Bates, Dr. Curtis Ivery, Chardae Caine, Monique Ellis, Mark Gaffney, Omar Hasan, Nicole Jackson, Kumar Raj, Ron Stallworth, Toney Stewart

Call to Order:

The meeting of the Career & Education Advisory Council was called to order by Chairperson Mallett.

Approval of Agenda:

Conrad Mallett asked for a motion to approve the draft agenda as presented. A motion was made and supported to adopt the draft as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

Conrad Mallett asked for a motion to approve the Draft Agenda as presented. A motion was made and supported to adopt the draft as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Alycia Meriweather and Tonya Allen presented a Connected Futures update. As a part of Connected Future, six months of internet and a year of technical support were provided to Detroit Public School Community District (DPSCD) students. The Michigan Department of Education gave school districts permission to donate decommissioned laptops. They were to be available for purchase based on a sliding income scale. Tonya reported that Skillman was close to raising the \$23 million anticipated funding needed for the first investment.

Alycia Meriweather presented on DPSCD COVID Response, which included meal distribution to DPSCD students at sites across the City. 80,000 meals were being distributed twice a week. Normally, 75,000 meals were distributed across all DPSCD sites. Some meal deliveries were provided. Principals hosted orientation meetings. Additionally, the District created a mental health hotline because there had been a reduction in the number of reported child abuse cases. Conrad noted that they also saw a drop in elder abuse reporting because fewer people had

been visiting the hospital. In-home checks were being conducted. Tonya noted that Connected Futures should incorporate a self-reporting tool into the equipment. Nicole Sherard-Freeman stated that a self-reporting tool should be considered for GDYT programming as well.

Executive Director Nicole Sherard-Freeman presented on Detroit at Work and GDYT COVID Response. Nicole Sherard-Freeman felt confident that 8,000 summer job opportunities would be available to Detroit youth. There was a \$3 million gap still needed for stipends and devices. Of the 9,500 students who applied, 4,500 were DPSCD students. GDYT will remain a six-week, 120-hour program despite COVID. The program will be online and include assignment-based work and a capstone project. There will be safe in-person positions available with the train station, junior police, and fire cadets for interested Detroit youth.

Tonya Allen presented on Skillman's COVID Response. Skillman worked with DPSCD and the City of Detroit to build out scenario planning for the fall. Skillman was also working with DCAN to bridge the high school to career planning or college gap through assisting with necessary paperwork for high school seniors.

A discussion was held regarding reflections and next steps for the CEAC. Tonya wanted to make sure that the committee incorporated the needs of all schools, not just DPSCD and wanted to look into national best practices.

Public Comment:

Chair Conrad Mallett opened for public comment. No comments were made.

Motion to Adjourn:

Chair Conrad Mallett made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.