FAMILIES, EDUCATION, PRESCHOOL, AND PROMISE
LEVY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
WebEx Meeting
Thursday October 27, 2022

MEETING MINUTES

I.   Call to Order

Director Chappelle called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

II.   Attendees

Members Present: Imani Carey (on behalf of Councilmember Tammy Morales), Dr. Donald Felder, Stephanie Gardner, Ted Howard (on behalf of Superintendent Brent Jones), Kateri Joe, Susan Lee, Jennifer Matter, Rosie Rimando-Chareunsap, Vivian Song-Martinez, Linda Thompson-Black, Kimberly Walker-Harrison

Others Present: Chris Alejano (DEEL), Kurt Buttleman (Seattle Colleges), Dwane Chappelle (DEEL), Jemini Davis (DEEL), Leilani Dela Cruz (DEEL), Ismael Fajardo (DEEL), Kamaria Hightower (DEEL), Mariko Lockhart (DEEL), Jasmine Marwaha (CoS), Melody McMillan (Colleges) Amelia Moore (DEEL), Dr. Brittany Ota-Malloy (DEEL), Isis Randolph-McCree (DEEL), Alexandra Rouse (CBO), Jonathan Swift (DEEL), Mei-Li Thomas (DEEL), Christa Valles (MO), Annia Yoshizumi (DEEL),

III.   Business Items
Site Visit Reflections

- LOC members shared reflections on the site visits that occurred in September

Seattle Promise Update and Overview

Presenters:
Dr. Brittany Ota-Mallory, Postsecondary Manager
Annia Yoshizumi, Postsecondary Data & Evaluation Advisor

Review & Advise	Recommend	Vote	Advocate

- Dr. Ota-Mallory and Annia provided a data-driven updated of the Seattle Promise Program funding allocation, results, and updated Equity Enhancements.

Discussion Summary

Speaker Initials	Question/Comment
KJ	Does reentry mean for those who were unable to put in the request Sr yr or who didn't qualify?

	BOM – Reentry is for those who were currently enrolled and had disrupted attendance.
SG	Noted the Stop out Dropout Rate concerns at community colleges Requested to see the numbers slide without the percentage to get the accurate number of students being discussed (slide 15) DEEL will provide the corresponding numbers to the percentages shown on slide 15
DF	Is the problem related to the ratio of counselors to students and does their role force them for students that are college ready TH - No all counselors received PD to serve all students
SG	What does it look like to remove the equity enhancements from the Promise program?
DF	The LOC recommended $5.7M and what was recommended by City Council was $1M, what was the rationale for reducing the recommendation by $4.7M? CMM – The highlighted inequities shown in the data presented at the Annual Retreat showed that the majority of Promise funds were going to white students. The authorizing ordinance allocates any and all underspend go to SPP expansion and it is the role of the LOC and Council to uphold the decision made by voters. Within the budget proposal presented by DEEL there is an ask by Council for the department to present the rationale for spending to K-12 and early learning in 2023 and draft legislation for consideration to prioritize the Promise Program in those amendments as it appears that the current approach moves towards universal access vs Target Universalism as desired. There are no proposed changes to programming nor allocation formulas, they do not eliminate funding in future years but would add $1M in underspend instead of $2M in 2023 with no underspend added in 2024.
CMM	Is there a reason why 12th grade equity enhancements couldn't be in the K-12 bucket if they are intended for 12th graders? (to benefit those in lower grades) CA – Part of the department's work is to ensure incoming scholars have that enhancement support and DEEL is working with the SPS District to have it not be so siloed in that sense.

IV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

V. DEEL Follow-up to LOC Member Questions

- Continued conversation regarding the $5.7M recommendation by the LOC and the $1M counter by City Council.
- Why or How enhancement supports can be moved into the K-12 bucket moving it from the Postsecondary bucket.
- Slide 15 numbers of students represented in the percentages shown in the slide.