



Meeting Minutes

Pursuant to notice made by posting on the Board's public notices webpage and emailed to persons on the mailing list, a meeting of the **Parent Advisory Committee: Distribution of Donations for Staffing** was held virtually and streamed live at: <https://www.youtube.com/@PPSPACDistributionofDonations/live>

The materials for this meeting were posted on the Committee's Webpage (link **WEBPAGE**).

Attendance

Committee Members

Present:

Ayla Ercin

Audrey Gnich

Daniel Levine

David Lamadrid

Suzanne Clare

Sun Lee

Sachin Wheatley, Student

Annika Houghton, Student

Trina Huff

Other Attendees

Robyn Faraone, Director of Strategic Partnerships, PPS

Deborah Kafoury, Chief of Staff, PPS

Kristin Johnson, Financial Operations Manager- Grants, PPS

Dr. Karmin Williams, Director of Community Schools, PPS

Dr. Emily Glasgow, Senior Director, PK-5 Core Academics, PPS

Darcy Soto, Director of Learning Acceleration, PPS

Karla Hudson, Program Administrator, PPS

Topic 1 - Called to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:34 pm by Trina Huff.

Topic 2 - Adopt Meeting Minutes from 3/5/25

Ayla Ercin motioned to approve meeting minutes. Sachin Whetley seconded. All in favor (9), none opposed (0). Deborah Kafoury reviewed some of the goals of the committee and how to focus today's meeting with the goal of voting at next week's meeting.

Topic 3 - Community Schools, Dr. Karmin Williams, Director of Community Schools

(Presented after Topic 4) Dr. Williams presented the two levels of potential investment in Food Pantries for Community Schools/20 Title I Schools at \$350,000 or \$250,000. This includes start-up funding for some schools who do not have any infrastructure (e.g. refrigerator, shelving), and it is not anticipated to be so high in the future.

Topic 4 - Educational Assistants, Kristin Johnson, Financial Operations Manager

Kristin Johnson presented information on the average costs of a full-time (.875) Educational Assistant. With \$1M investment 11 EAs could be hired for 2025-26 school year. Would recommend waiting until Fall balancing to support schools with larger class sizes based on final enrollment.

Topic 5 - Advancing Literacy, Dr. Emily Glasgow, Senior Director of PK-5 Core Academics, Darcy Soto, Director of Learning Acceleration and Karla Hudson, Program Administrator of Learning Acceleration

Learning Acceleration presented a model of tutoring for students in multiple grades using well-researched, respected programs that other school districts are using with success. Paloma- for K-1 uses an app that parents use to tutor their students for 15 minutes a day, aligned with classroom skills instruction and available in 14 languages. Ignite- one-on-one virtual human tutors for 5th students who need additional literacy support before starting middle school. This would take place during the school day. IXL- math skills assessment and targeted lessons for 9/10 graders to improve Algebra comprehension and success.

Presentation was followed by a discussion of committee members about additional information and options to consider at our next meeting, 3/19/2025.

Adjourn

Chair Trina Huff adjourned the meeting at 7:15 pm.

Submitted by:

Robyn Faraone
Director at Strategic Partnerships