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**OUR SCHOOLS LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

Department of Employment Services (DOES)
4058 Minnesota Ave NE, Washington, DC 20019
Tuesday, October 9, 2018; 4-6 PM

MEETING NOTES

I. Welcome

- a. 4:10 – Dr. Burwell call to order
- b. Attendance

Name	Role	Name	Role
Sylvia Burwell	Committee Co-Chair	Ivan Frishberg	Committee Member
Dr. Charlene Drew Jarvis	Committee Co-Chair	Danielle Hamberger	Committee Member
Elizabeth Davis	Committee Member	Antwayne Ford	Committee Member
Rosa Carillo (phone)	Committee Member	Chris Bergfalk	DCPS Teacher, WTU
Sean Gogh (Phone)	Committee Member	Dr. Terence Ngwa	DCPS Teacher, WTU
Anita Berger	Committee Member	Steven Walker	Director, Mayor’s Office of Talent and Appointments
Tameka Coleman	Committee Member	Paul Kihn	Acting Deputy Mayor for Education
Tatiana Robinson	Committee Member	Keisha Mims	Interim Chief of Staff, Office of the Deputy Mayor for Education
Ashan Kirdena	Committee Member		

II. Introduction

- a. Acting Deputy Mayor Paul Kihn welcomes committee members to the meeting.
- b. Co-Chair Sylvia Burwell breaks down the committee meeting
 - a. Discuss feedback from the engagement
 - b. Discuss the Committee’s report
- c. No public comment.
 - a. Committee Member, Bergfalk, had questions regarding the difference between the Chancellor selection panel and the OSLC.
 - b. Co-Chair Jarvis explains to the committee the job of the OCLC
 - i. This panel has been asked [for] two things: to look at qualities wanted in a chancellor, by working with students, educators, families, and community members; second thing is to talk about the priorities the community wants the chancellor to focus on. The information collected will form a report, making a recommendation to the Mayor.

III. Community Engagement Forum Summaries

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- a. Co-Chair Burwell begins by thanking all committee members who attended the community engagement forums. Introduces Director Walker from the Mayor’s Office of Talent and Appointments.
- b. Dir. Walker provides background on the engagement forums.
 - a. July: Committee decided that there should be 3 community forums
 - i. Cardozo (August 14)
 - ii. Savoy Elementary (August 28)
 - iii. Brookland Middle (September 11)
 - b. There have also been focus groups with students, parents, and principals from DCPS schools.
 - c. Around 5 councilmembers have conducted their own forums
 - i. SBOE sent a letter
 - ii. Ward 8 Ed Council sent a letter
- c. Director Walker goes over topline messaging
 - a. Chancellor qualities:
 - i. Professional educator/urban education experience
 - ii. Inspirational to staff and students
 - iii. Someone who understands DC – this came out strongly
 - b. For areas of focus:
 - i. Provide equity
 - ii. To ensure excellent schools through the city
 - iii. To empower staff through development and support
- d. Committee provides thoughts and feedback on Chancellor search efforts.
 - a. Committee member Ford appreciated the robust discussions, really engaged people, debate, prioritization, and negotiation.
 - b. Co-Chair Jarvis attended all 3 engagement forums forum and thought there was great synergy at all of them. One thing that popped up repeatedly was closing the achievement gap, and equity – equitable distribution of resources according to need.
- e. Committee continues to read through engagement forum highlights
 - a. Committee discusses results
 - i. Frishberg asks how Charter schools fit with the Chancellor Search
 - ii. Co-Chair Burwell responds by asking how they can incorporate that concern into a question that can be asked to the candidates.

IV. Focus Groups

- a. Director Walker goes over topline messages from Focus Groups
 - a. Committee member Ford: summaries were good. We need to make sure we have metrics and measures – want to be able to say what “excellent school” means. It’ll be important for analysis.
 - b. Committee asks if Web Surveys were translated in different languages
 - i. Was translated in Spanish on website

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- ii. Dir. Walker: MOCA/MOLA/etc. also distributed through networks/newsletters in Amharic, Korean, Chinese
- iii. Also sent through principals' daily email

V. Report Sub-Committees

- a. Co-Chair Burwell leads discussion on compiling data to form the report
 - i. DME will bring on a consultant who will work full time on this, so we'll have a draft soon.
 - ii. 2 sub-committee's are formed
 - 1. Questionnaire subcommittee: Terrence, Ivan, Liz Davis, Tatiana, Anita
 - a. Will draft interview tool with potential questions; will start with old version
 - 2. Report subcommittee: Chris, Antwan, Ashan, Nicky
 - a. Will review draft of report

VI. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 5:58 pm.