



AGENDA

Zoom Meeting

April 23, 2021

Committee Members

☑ Owen Bondono ☑ Zeinab Chami ☑ Eva Coleman ☑ Anthony Greenburg ☑ Gigi Lincoln ☑ Cathy Longstreet ☑ Angela Pérez ☑ Ben Pineda ☑ Lisa Rivard ☑ Ramont Roberts ☑ Ruth Lahti ☑ Mandy Stewart ☑ Greg Talberg ☑ Marcus Walton ☑ Jeff Whittle

: Leah Breen, Kelli Cassaday

Guests: Brian Gutman, Sophia Huerta, Mike Huerta, D. Huerta

Time	Item																																																																
9:01am	Welcome																																																																
9:05	No Public Comment																																																																
9:06	<p>Review and Approval of February Minutes: With Derek Chauvin trial, reviewing the proclamation GEAC did, seems to be still the right thing, members may want to review and consider expanding in the future. Motion by: Marcus Walton Seconded by: Gigi Lincoln Discussion: Motion carries unanimously.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Name</th> <th>Yay</th> <th>Nay</th> <th>Abstain</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Mr. Owen Bondono</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ms. Zeinab Chami</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ms. Eva Coleman</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mr. Anthony M. Greenburg</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dr. Margaret Lincoln</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mrs. Cathy Longstreet</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mrs. Angela J. Pérez</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mr. Benedict L. Pineda</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dr. Lisa R. Rivard</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dr. Ramont M. Roberts</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ms. Ruth Lahti</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dr. Mandy R. Stewart</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mr. Gregory Talberg</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mr. Marcus A. Walton</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mr. Jeffrey C. Whittle</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Name	Yay	Nay	Abstain	Mr. Owen Bondono	X			Ms. Zeinab Chami	X			Ms. Eva Coleman	X			Mr. Anthony M. Greenburg				Dr. Margaret Lincoln	X			Mrs. Cathy Longstreet	X			Mrs. Angela J. Pérez	X			Mr. Benedict L. Pineda	X			Dr. Lisa R. Rivard	X			Dr. Ramont M. Roberts	X			Ms. Ruth Lahti	X			Dr. Mandy R. Stewart	X			Mr. Gregory Talberg	X			Mr. Marcus A. Walton	X			Mr. Jeffrey C. Whittle	X		
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9:15	<p>Student Guest – Haslett Middle School - Sophia Huerta PowerPoint presentation shared about school surveys Discussion about social-emotional impact, virtual learning, student assessment,</p>																																																																

	<p>inconsistency, and student fatigue.</p> <p>Sophia is positive that the students will be okay even with all of the fatigue and burn out. A lot of students are just mentally and emotionally exhausted.</p> <p>Thank you to Sophia for being here, for your voice, to your family, for speaking on behalf of the students in the state. Please know that this will be shared with the governor and others.</p>
9:45	<p>Student Guest Debrief</p> <p>A concern is that it is going to fall on us to fill in the gaps (teachers). School districts are not going to hire personnel to help with the additional problems. Teachers cannot keep up. How can we make sure kids' issues are addressed and that the right people are put in place to help. As educators, we like to talk to the students that talk to us. But lets not forget that there is a group of students that don't like the format, the teachers, the work – that are really struggling. How are we supporting these students? They also need to be heard and supported. The critical shortage in schools is extreme. We are almost at the top of the list in the country for teacher shortages. It is a massive issue. We want to be there, but if the support is not there, how can we help? We need to make sure that people are able and allowed to do that work. Covid has uncovered a lot of things that need to be fixed and addressed.</p>
10:00	<p>Break - Motion to break, moved and seconded by Cathy. Breaking at 9:54.</p>
10:15	<p>The Education Trust – Midwest - Brian Gutman</p> <p>PowerPoint Presentation</p> <p>EdTrust is one of the leading advocates for equity. Also proponents of standardized testing to show the gaps. Goal is to close gaps for learners.</p> <p>Q/A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Well-designed assessment system? California • Tests are structurally racist; proficiency equals poverty; asking kids to take a test during a pandemic when people are dying, and buildings are closed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Challenges with how Michigan is administering these assessments; applying for waivers took time; other states made different decisions and provided delivery flexibilities that made it easier for students and districts: reducing testing, external testing centers, eliminating pilot items. • Closing gaps before Kindergarten? Need data; MI first state for EBT and example for roll-out; have data to support what happened • School library package of bills recently released. How can we show support for school libraries? EdTrust endorses these packages. Literacy is a central foundation; community approach; intervention for students who are struggling; concerns about third grade reading data; MI early literacy coaches for the last 5 years (not necessarily perfectly funded or deployed), but it is not enough; other states are more comprehensive; needs a holistic system with host of professionals • Comment: social emotional impact of standardized testing; the whole is more than the sum of its parts; data tells part of the story, but not all of the parts. • Lisa would like to share a Bridge presentation in Detroit with the group: https://www.bridgemi.com/talent-education/getting-past-politics-give-michigan-schools-it-deserves • Brian will send upcoming webinar information.
11:30	<p>Break for Lunch</p>
11:28	<p>Amendment of Bylaw Regarding Cancellations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 4.5 a Chairperson. The Chairperson shall call all meetings. The Chairperson may cancel any meeting at their discretion, if no action items or timely business items are on the agenda during the regularly scheduled meeting. The Chairperson shall preside at all Council meetings; serve as ex-officio member of all committees; appoint the chairpersons and the members of all committees; and designate individual Councilors or groups of Councilors to represent the Council. The Chair or proxy shall sign minutes of the meetings.

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The Council shall meet at the call of the Chairperson and as may be provided in procedures adopted by the Council. Council meetings may be cancelled by the Chairperson, if no action items or timely business items are on the agenda during the regularly scheduled meeting.

Motion to move to next meeting Ed: Greg

Seconded by: Mandy

Motion carries unanimously.

Name	Yay	Nay	Abstain
Mr. Owen Bondono	x		
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Ms. Eva Coleman	x		
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12:00

Sub-Committee Updates

Policy committee: trouble meeting; need to focus on direction; Office of Innovations is a place where we can funnel efforts and request funding; accountability, school funding, standardized test and homework are the four areas; will not be ready for a June presentation

Educator Safety & Support: Shared a PowerPoint; scope was too large, narrowed focus to counselors, social workers, and psychologists; can the subcommittee get recommendations from the Student Recovery Advisory Council and other groups working on the topic? The timelines are so different. Most states have a counselor that works in the DOE and we don't have that. Considering requesting a timeline extension.

Other states have an office focused on counseling, while MDE has counselors and representatives for different aspects of the work, the subcommittee is seeking a point person and advocacy.

Preservation of Public Education: subcommittee is amazing, able to complete things in short period of time but not yet ready for sharing, interested in sharing with Governor information about returning to school and

12:25

Updates:

- Recommendation for BIPOC that GEAC made is being picked up by the student recovery advisory council
- Tony originally sought reappointment; no longer seeking that reappointment
- Following up on Cathy and Ben's reappointments
- Brandy leading 60/30 initiative for LEO; welcome Angela Benander – Office of Public Affairs; requested she attend in May (add to may agenda)
- Considerations about the work moving forward, supporting staff and committees
- May meeting virtually. Consider goal of August in person, but must take into consideration travel, reimbursement; need to decide in May RE august
- School library bill package introduced during School Library Advocacy week, GEAC recommendation was referenced
- If Owen is no longer MTOY at first return to in-person meetings, will be invited.

1:00

Wrap-Up and Adjourn Committee of the Whole.
Motion by: Lisa Rivard
Seconded by: Mandy Stewart
Motion carries unanimously.

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