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Committee Members

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Lisa Hansknecht joined at 10:58.

Time	Item																																																																
9:00am	Welcome 9:01																																																																
9:05	Public Comment																																																																
9:10	<p>Review and Approval of October Minutes:</p> <p>Motion by: Jeff Whittle Seconded by: Eva Coleman Discussion: The Council notes that the October meeting was cancelled due to the cessation of executive orders and no clear legislation allowing virtual meetings.</p> <p>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 - Zeinab Alghanem</p> <p>Trauma Care Equity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal: Fair and equal mental health care for ourselves and siblings • Students that don't feel well aren't going to perform well 																																																																

- Mental health has a significant impact on academic performance
 - Individuals with mental health issues are more likely to be unemployed and call in sick
 - 1 in 8 children experience trauma; live 20 years less than their peers
 - Who experiences trauma? Refugees with trauma of war and disaster, people who grew up in poverty or with parental abandonment; descendants of groups who experienced genocide (AA, Jewish, AI); People who experienced racism, death of a loved one, sexual violence...
 - Generational trauma is systemic; the cycle can only be broken by fair and equitable access to health and mental health care
 - Statistics for BIPOC demonstrate disparity
 - Trauma Informed Schooling: safety, trustworthiness and transparency, peer support, collaboration and mutuality...
 - Mental health is not one-size-fits-all; if we treat it as such we leave behind many, many people; treat people's mental health individually by using safe spaces
- Q&A
- Is there a better way to restructure the school day to better serve students? Mental health should be the number one priority – creating a safe space in the classroom (in-person or virtual).

9:45 Student Guest Debrief

- Ruth: particularly relevant with online learning; how do we ensure that when students are at home that their mental health is being addressed?
- Request made for a copy of the presentation.

10:05 Break to 10:15

Motion by: Jeff Whittle
 Seconded by: Seconded by: Zeinab Chami
 Discussion:
 Motion carries unanimously.

Name	Yay	Nay	Abstain
Mr. Owen Bondono	x		
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10:17 Greg: Noting that it's hard to cover ad hoc topics; limited time; looking for ways to make this more possible

Marcus: not apologizing for bringing up the disenfranchisement of BIPOC voters; it is relevant

Ben: adding a half hour to the agenda perhaps to cover important topics

10:21	<p>Library Program GEAC Recommendation and Discussion</p> <p>Suggestion to add or address funding as part of the feedback on the bills. Suggestion to add digital signatures to recommendations when putting them forward. Suggestion to add funding information prior to the last paragraph. Vote on the final document next month.</p>
10:41	<p>Update from: Policy of Public Education Subcommittee</p> <p>Standardized Testing & Homework Causes Trauma</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ben shared a PowerPoint of research and articles related to the topic. • No attempt to control for student differences; no benefit to assigning homework; <p>Michigan Accountability Systems – Ramont shared a PowerPoint</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 systems, ESSA (Index values) and PA 601 (A-F) • Some shared factors between the two systems. PA 601 has heavier emphasis on standardized testing and requires ranking labels of schools. Letter grades are issued for each area and a total letter grade. Emphasis on standardized testing is a flaw of the letter grade system. ESSA system has promise. <p>School Funding in Michigan – Zeinab shared a PowerPoint</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 funding eras – pre- and post- Proposal A • Point of Prop A was to even the playing field by moving funding from local to state. • Allowed for the creation of public charter schools • Michigan C- from EdWeek Research Center on school funding. Have dropped between 2019 and 2020. • School Finance Research Collaborative (SFRC) (2018) recommendations. <p>Jeff suggests a representative from the SFRC to present to GEAC. Will work on adding them to a future agenda.</p>
11:07	<p>Update from: Preservation of Public Education Subcommittee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the major threats to public education? Funding, prop A, corporations pushing standardized tests, virtual learning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Invite guest from MV to talk about programs and student success rates ◦ Edgenuity poses problems – no teacher on the other end • Concerns from staff that their health is not being considered • Quality of online education • Top-heavy school structures and the concept that students are customers, media coverage of social media complaints about schools • Balance with narratives to improve education with positive dialogue that supports teacher recruitment
11:	<p>Update from: Safety and Support Subcommittee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jeff shared a PowerPoint • Increased need for social workers; SEL training • Educators are burned out; need to use different lenses during discussions • The needs were great before COVID; will be greater after • Would like guest visitors: social workers, Senator Stabenow (who is a licensed social worker); want survey for educators on the subject of safety and school support; if it can't go through MDE could go through unions • Cathy: include counselors; they need the proper roles and tasks; 90 schools in MI with no school counselors, invite rep from MI School Counselors Association • Ben: service to students and schools is highly dependent on the individuals
11:30	<p>Wrap-Up and Adjourn Committee of the Whole for Workgroup Time, break into subcommittee groups if called by chair</p>

Zeinab will draft a request for the SFRC to speak at a future meeting.

Next meeting: 30 minute connecting time, vote on library resolution, outlook training, update by teacher of the year, work time,

Motion by: Zeinab Chami
Seconded by: Cathy Longstreet
Motion carries unanimously.

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