

## **Matthews Committee on Education (MCE)**

### **May 14, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

Present:

Erin Ferrell-Harper, Chair

Adam Brooks

Jay Grymes

Dane Jackson

Kelly Morris

Jennifer Reill

Joanna Schimizzi

Kristen Shaben

Susannah White

Commissioner Jeff Miller, Board Liaison

Becky Hawke, Staff Liaison

Meeting called to order at 6:36 p.m. and a quorum was declared.

Commissioner Miller started the meeting and welcomed the group.

Introductions of Committee Members were made.

Becky Hawke reviewed the last meeting for the new members in attendance.

Commissioner Miller made motion, seconded by Ms. Shimizzi to approve the April 4, 2019 Minutes. All six Committee Members who attended the April 4, 2019 meeting approved.

#### Board Appointments:

Commissioner Miller confirmed that Ms. Ferrell-Harper was appointed as Committee Chair by the Board of Commissioners at their 5/13/2019 Regular Meeting. The Board made this selection because the Chair is the alternate to the Mecklenburg Education Advisory Committee.

Ms. Schimizzi volunteered to be Secretary for the MCE.

Commissioner Miller made motion, seconded by Ms. Reill to appoint Ms. Schimizzi as Secretary. All approved.

Ms. Reill, Mr. Grymes, and Ms. White all suggested Ms. Shaben to be Vice-Chair of MCE and she agreed.

Mr. Grymes made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jackson to appoint Ms. Shaben as Vice-Chair of MCE. All approved.

#### School Survey & Data Collection:

The list of schools located within a seven-mile radius of Matthews' Town borders was reviewed.

Committee members also discussed how best to pull data.

Commissioner Miller offered to provide any data that CMS may have on its own schools.

Ms. Schimizzi noted that the Department of Public Instruction may be able to give data. Ask for 28105 students and where they go to school.

Committee members discussed how to best pare down the list of schools, with some in favor of just schools located within 28105, while others wanted to include all schools within the original seven-mile radius, while others wanted something in between.

Commissioner Miller gave the example of cars queueing on roads near public schools as an example of data that will be helpful to know about each school.

Ms. Schimizzi suggested CMS also be asked for who goes to magnet schools to best understand where children who live in 28105 may be attending school.

Ms. Schimizzi also suggested an initial email to each school on the approved list asking for the school's total enrollment and number of students who attend from 28105.

Mr. Brooks asked if the Town can obtain Google Data Studio. Ms. Hawke agreed to inquire on behalf of MCE.

Ms. Morris proposed that all data being requested from schools be requested at once. The group agreed on this approach.

Ms. Shaben made a motion that MCE collect data from DPI for all 28105 students and where they go to school. Additionally, this information would then be used to narrow down the previous seven-mile radius, then use this information to make determination on proximity of other school options. Mr. Brooks seconded the motion. All agreed.

Ms. Ferrell-Harper noted that private and charter schools to be included will be determined based on their proximity to Matthews.

#### HB514:

The Committee entertained a brief discussion on HB514. Ms. Reill asked why CMS went on record stating they won't build schools in Matthews. Commissioner Miller noted it was in response to HB514.

Ms. Hawke briefly reviewed the Municipal Concerns Act that was approved by the CMS School Board. Members of MCE agreed to take up understanding it later. Both the Municipal Concerns Act and HB 514 will be sent to group via email for them to review for their own benefit.

Ms. Reill also noted she would like to understand the funding rubric from CMS.

#### Data Metrics:

Commissioner Miller reviewed the draft metrics of information that would be requested from schools in the survey. Google Shared Drive was suggested as a means of data sharing.

Ms. Schimizzi noted that base information would be provided via a combination of greatschools.org; DPI; and school websites.

Ms. Reill noted there is a PDF document on most schools' websites with teacher turnover; etc.

Committee members agreed they will review metrics and come back to next meeting with thoughts/suggestions on how each category may actually be measured (e.g. "What is being asked related to "Security" that can be asked in a measurable way across the board?")

Ms. Schimizzi and Mr. Grymes agreed to help Ms. Hawke craft the wording to request data from DPI.

Discussion on all other agenda items was deferred to a future meeting due to time constraints.

The Committee agreed to meet on the second Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. June 11, 2019 is next meeting.

Ms. Reill requested that she be assigned Crown Point Elementary when schools assignments are made, as she will miss the next meeting.

Ms. Hawke clarified that she will list the proximity of each school from Matthews on the school list. Once information is provided by DPI, she will also try to change the color on the map to show schools with Matthews students in attendance.

Mr. Brooks stated that he would like to see a heat map. Ms. Hawke noted there is not currently the ability to create this kind of map among Town staff.

The Committee will wait to receive this information to see if it changes their perspective and to make a determination for other schools at that time.

Ms. Shaben made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brooks, to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m. All approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.