



## EDUCATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Date of Meeting: May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 4:30 – 6:30 pm

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Members present: Wendy Whitaker, Ansalan Stewart, Ariel, Dom Saint-Loth, Ed Reed, Ilana Simhon, Jacqueline Renfrow, Lisa Farhi, Mike Berman, Cecil Rucker, Frederika Granger

Topics of discussion:

1. Approved meeting minutes from previous meeting
2. Brief introductions from members on Connections/Bios
3. Question for Mayor and Council: do we have a Council member liaison? TBD
4. Discussed focus for this Committee/ shared strategic ideas to inform Priorities
  - a. Themes: Partnerships, safety, teacher retention, celebrate students who choose to go into education, advocacy, community events, listen & learn
  - b. Discussion of how we might support topics: invite speakers to our meetings, testify to Mayor and Council (5 minutes are allowed as Education Commission), advocate for needs in the community, serve as a vehicle of awareness for school education events, host listen & learn events
  - c. Discussion of how to reach Rockville residents and maintaining scope to include just Rockville
5. Elect Chairperson
  - a. Commission elected Ansalan Stewart
6. Elect Secretary
  - a. Commission elected Wendy Whitaker
7. Topics for Next Meeting
  - a. Confirm/narrow Commission priority topics
  - b. Invite speakers for a panel on Safety to listen & learn
    - i. Three questions: What is going well? What is most challenging? How might the city of Rockville better support your efforts?
    - ii. (Cecil/Wendy)Rockville PD, (Ed Reed) MCPS Cluster Coordinator, (Mike Berman) Montgomery College Security, (Ariel) private school partners in security
    - iii. Panel discussion planned for 5-6pm, moderated by Ansalan Stewart
    - iv. Agenda to be developed
8. Adjourned 6:23PM