

SA2020 COMMISSION ON EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

Friday, February 19, 2016

12:00 P.M.

Café College, 131 El Paso, San Antonio, Texas, 78204

Members Present: Anita Fernandez, District 1 Representative
Lester Bryant, Chair, District 2 Representative
Rita Uresti, District 3 Representative
Dr. Sofia Bahena, District 7 Representative
Paul Martin, District 8 Representative
Maryann Jarrell, District 10 Representative
Dr. Emily Calderon Galdeano, Mayoral Representative

Member Absent: Julius Lorenzi, District 5 Representative
Philip N. Taele, District 6 Representative

Staff Present: Ana Acevedo, Education Policy Administrator, City of San Antonio

Others Present: Molly Cox, President and CEO, SA2020

1. Approval of Minutes from November 18, 2015 Meeting

Anita motioned to approve minutes. Emily seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

2. Discussion and possible action regarding ideas for future Commission work [Lester Bryant, Chair, District 2]

Sofia introduced the idea of creating an asset map to give San Antonio residents an idea about what resources regarding education exist around the community. There was discussion among the Commissioners regarding what actually would be mapped, what resources would be used to capture the asset mapping, what other cities have created something similar.

The Commission agreed that the best way to proceed would be to create a subcommittee to work on the asset mapping and to begin with a focus around the money that the City of San Antonio is investing in education initiatives and programs. The subcommittee will be comprised of: Emily, Sophia, Rita, Anita, and Lester. Emily and Sofia agreed to co-chair the subcommittee.

3. Announcements

Paul gave an update on Constitution Café.

Molly announced an event which will take place on March 22 at KLRN where teens will be talking about their dreams.

Rita gave an update regarding her meeting with Councilwoman Viagran. She said that Councilwoman Viagran would like to receive more information regarding early college high schools in our area. In particular, she would like to know how many early college high schools are in San Antonio and what the success rate is of those schools. Councilwoman Viagran would also like to engage in dialogue with the Youth Commission. She would like to survey youth to see what needs they identify. Councilwoman Viagran wants to know what partners are working in the early literacy arena and what the outcomes are. She would also like to see Pre-K 4 SA have a World Heritage component. Councilwoman Viagran would like to explore the idea of having candidate forums for school board elections in order to increase civic engagement.

The next Commission meeting was set for Thursday, April 14th from 11 am to 12:30 pm.

Paul motioned to adjourn the meeting. Rita seconded the motion.