

**EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE COUNCIL COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2013

10:00 AM

MEDIA BRIEFING ROOM, CITY HALL

Members Present: Councilmember Ray Lopez, Chair, *District 6*
Councilmember Ivy R. Taylor, *District 2*
Councilmember Rey Saldaña, *District 4*

Members Absent: Councilmember Cris Medina, *District 7*

Staff Present: Peter Zanoni, *Deputy City Manager*; Gloria Hurtado, *Assistant City Manager*; Melody Woosley, *Interim Director of Human Services*; Mikel Brightman, *DHS Head Start Administrator*; Ramiro Salazar, *Director of San Antonio Public Library*; Viki Ash, *San Antonio Public Library Children's Services Coordinator*; Kristine Duff, *Assistant City Attorney*; Martha Lambaria, *Office of the City Clerk*

At this time, the Committee addressed Item 4.

4. A presentation on the 2013 Mayor's Summer Reading Club at the San Antonio Library [Ramiro Salazar, Director, San Antonio Public Library]

Ramiro Salazar, Director of San Antonio Public Library (SAPL) introduced Vicki Ash, SAPL Children's Services Coordinator and spoke of the importance of reading during the summer. Dr. Ash provided a briefing on the 2013 Mayor's Summer Reading Club at the SAPL. She reported that 12,000 e-books had been read in the month of May, which made it the most utilized service of all the electronic services provided. She informed the Committee of the Children's Summer Reading Club, Teen Summer Reading Club and the Adult Summer Reading Club. She noted that there were Listening Clubs for children who were not reading yet. She stressed the importance of helping the whole City become a community of readers.

Councilmember Saldaña entered the meeting at this time.

Chairman Lopez expanded on the virtualization of curriculum and reading materials and their mobility. He asked of other resources that were available. Dr. Ash responded that currently, SAPL was considering Tumble Electronic Books for children.

Chairman Lopez asked if SAPL Initiatives support Pre-K 4 SA Curriculum regarding access and availability to children under age four. Mr. Salazar spoke of the virtual experience and the utilization of iPads as part of creating a virtual connection to parallel with the educational environment. Dr. Ash informed the committee of iPads that were available in Libraries. She stated that the Librarians provide oversight of the iPads. She noted that SAPL iPads were in its first year pilot program. She emphasized that the Libraries did offer many programs to all children from birth to age twelve.

Councilmember Saldaña asked of the Teen Summer Reading Program. Dr. Ash responded that teens would register on-line and read books, and in turn; have an opportunity for a random drawing to win a Nook Tablet. Councilmember Saldana thanked the Library for being present at a recent book sale event.

Councilmember Taylor thanked staff for the presentation and committed to reading three books over the summer.

Call To Order

Chairman Lopez called the meeting to order.

1. Citizens To Be Heard

No citizens were present to speak.

2. Approval of minutes of the May 14, 2013 Educational Excellence Council Committee Meeting

Councilmember Taylor moved to approve the Minutes of the May 14, 2013 Educational Excellence Council Committee Meeting. Councilmember Saldaña seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

3. Briefing and possible action on the Head Start program related to acceptance of a preliminary designation system renewal grant for the 2013 – 2014 Program Year and monthly briefing items [Melody Woosley, Interim Director, Department of Human Services]

Melody Woosley, Interim Director of the Human Services Department provided a briefing on the Head Start Program related to acceptance of a preliminary designation system renewal grant for the 2013 – 2014 Program Year and monthly briefing items. She presented the following:

- Designation Renewal System (DRS) Grant Award
- DRS Grant Award
- Budget and Grant Related Actions
- 2012 – 2013 Policy Council Structure
- April Monthly Program Report
- Head Start of San Antonio and Bexar County Program Ends
- Recommendations

Chairman Lopez thanked Ms. Woosley for the presentation.

In response to Councilmember Taylor, Ms. Woosley replied that the six grantees were: 1) City of San Antonio, 2) Family Services Association, 3) Avance San Antonio, 4) Parent Child Inc., 5) South San Antonio ISD and 6) Region XX Education Service Center.

Councilmember Taylor asked of the working relationship between said agencies and Head Start in regard to the inventory transfer. Ms. Woosley responded that there was a proposed

consortium and that there would be shared transition. She noted that Head Start would remain consistent and coordinated.

Councilmember Saldaña referred to Slide five regarding: acceptance, release, transfer of Head Start real property and program inventory purchased with federal funds and asked of the team overseeing the transfer. Ms. Woosley reported that the city was primarily responsible for overseeing the transition. Councilmember Saldaña asked of the status of a specific Early Childhood Building located on the Southwest Side of San Antonio. Ms. Mikel Brightman offered to provide the exact status after obtaining the address of said building. Discussion ensued regarding the building.

Councilmember Saldaña moved to forward the grant acceptance and related items to full City Council in June for approval including: 1) Acceptance of grant award, budget and personnel complement and 2) Associated contract and transition actions related to the award anticipated from HHS, effective July 1, 2013. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

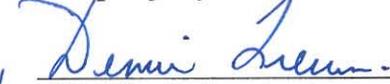
5. Adjourn

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 10:38 am.



Ray Lopez, Chairman

Respectfully Submitted,

for 
Martha G. Lambaria
Office of the City Clerk