

EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2014
11:30 A.M.

PLAZA ROOM B, MUNICIPAL PLAZA BUILDING

Members Present: Councilmember Rey A. Saldaña, Chair, *District 4*
Councilmember Ivy Taylor, *District 2*
Councilmember Shirley Gonzales, *District 5*
Councilmember Cris Medina, *District 7*
Councilmember Joe Krier, *District 9*

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Matthew Schwiegar, *Mayor's Office*; Melody Woosley, *Director, DHS*; Mikel Brightman, *DHS*; Ramiro Salazar, *Director, Library*; Viki Ash, *Library*; Gloria Hurtado, *Assistant City Manager*; Kristine Duff, *Assistant City Attorney*; Shreya Shah, *Assistant City Attorney*; Ryan J. Cook, *Office of the City Clerk*

Also Present: Emily Roden, *Ready Rosie*; Nancy Hand, *Family Services*; Ellie Hajek, *Ready Rosie*

1. Citizens To Be Heard

No citizens were present to speak.

The Committee addressed Item 3 at this time.

3. Briefing on Pascal Learning/Ready Rosie Programs and Services [Emily Roden, Co-Founder, Ready Rosie]

Emily Roden provided a briefing and update on the Pascal Learning/Ready Rosie Programs and Services to include:

- Why Ready Rosie Works
- Graduation Rates
- Grade 3 Reading Scores and Vocabulary
- How Ready Rosie Works
- Videos
- How Ready Rosie Works Elsewhere
- Fort Worth ISD
- Is Ready Rosie Working
- How can Ready Rosie Work in San Antonio
- Registration
- Statistics
- District Report

Councilmember Medina entered the meeting at this time.

Councilmember Gonzales asked how a child would access Ready Rosie if they are with a Caregiver. Ms. Roden replied that caregivers have access to Ready Rosie as well as Parents, Pediatricians, Daycares, Learning Centers, and Libraries.

Councilmember Taylor inquired about Children's Songs. Ms. Roden replied that Ready Rosie features Children's Songs in the Videos.

Councilmember Krier asked how Ready Rosie would keep Parents Involved. Ms. Roden replied that the Child is a huge motivating factor; however, Ready Rosie presents Parents with a complete and fully educational tool for use at their fingertips.

Chairman Saldaña suggested that Ready Rosie contact Voices for Children for a possible Partnership.

No Action was required for Item 3.

4. Head Start briefing and Approval Items [Melody Woosley, Director, Department of Human Services; Gloria Hurtado, Assistant City Manager]

Melody Woosley provided a briefing and update on the Head Start Program to include:

- Purpose
- ERSEA Selection Criteria Matrix
- ERSEA Activities
- School Readiness Plan
- Monthly Program Report (December)
- Recommendations

Councilmember Krier asked when the City became responsible for Pre K. Ms. Woosley replied that the City has been the Grantee for the Head Start Program for over 30 years. She noted that this year is the first year that the City only has oversight of the Program in the San Antonio and Edgewood School Districts. Councilmember Krier inquired about a change in the Head Start Program. Ms. Woosley replied that six years ago a large portion of the Grant was passed through a Nonprofit Agency named Parent Child Incorporated. Discussion ensued regarding the Head Start Program.

Councilmember Taylor moved to forward the 2014-2015 Eligibility, Recruitment, Selection, Enrollment, and Attendance (ERSEA) Selection Criteria Point System Matrix to the full City Council. Councilmember Medina seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

5. Briefing and possible action on a City of San Antonio Education Policy Statement [Gloria Hurtado, Assistant City Manager]

Gloria Hurtado provided a briefing of the City of San Antonio Education Policy Draft Statement. She stated that this would be the first time the City has provided a Statement to articulate the various Educational Programs, Policies, and Priorities.

Councilmember Krier suggested that the Draft Statement's Language regarding the City's Educational Responsibilities be reconsidered and include Performance Measures.

Councilmember Taylor suggested that the Draft Statement include the Libraries and Adult Literacy Programs.

No action was required for Item 5.

The Committee addressed Item 2 at this time.

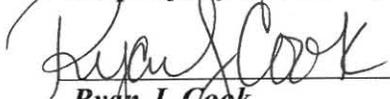
2. Approval of minutes of the January 21, 2014 Educational Excellence Committee Meeting

Councilmember Taylor moved to approve the Minutes of the January 21, 2014 Educational Excellence Council Committee Meeting. Councilmember Medina seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

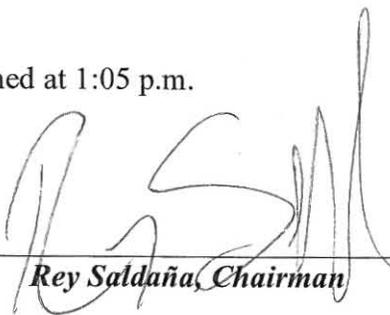
6. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Ryan J. Cook
Office of the City Clerk



Rey Saldaña, Chairman