



Tacoma Schools and Metro Parks Joint Meeting Meeting Minutes

Central Administration Building
601 South 8th Street – Tacoma, WA
4th Floor Board Room
Thursday, May 25, 2017 04:30 PM

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Superintendent Santorno welcomed the attendees and invited them to introduce themselves.

Tacoma Public Schools

Catherine Ushka, Board President
Andrea Cobb, Board Member
Debbie Winskill, Board Member
Scott Heinze, Board Member
Karen Vialle, Board Member
Carla Santorno, Superintendent
Josh Garcia, Deputy Superintendent
Steve Story, Interim Chief Operating Officer
Renee Trueblood, General Counsel
Rob Sawatzky, Director of Planning & Construction

Metro Parks Tacoma

Andrea Smith, Board President
Aaron Pointer, Board Clerk
Jessie K. Baines Jr., Board Member
Erik Hanberg, Board Member
Tim Reid, Board Member
Shon Sylvia, Executive Director
Pete Mayer, Assistant Executive Director
Marina Becker, Director of Parks and Natural Resources
Alan Varsik, Director of Zoological & Environmental Education
Hunter George, Chief Communications and Public Affairs Officer
Joe Brady, Chief Strategy Officer
Dave Lewis, Recreation Director
Debbie Terwilleger, Planning Director

2. PRESENTATION

2.1 Athletic Field Study

Joe Brady, Chief Strategy Officer reviewed the results of an athletic field study, which included 129 fields of Metro Parks and Tacoma Public Schools. Recommendations were provided for all regions and included suggestions for increasing coordination, utilization and customer service as well as increasing capacity, improving fields with lights and/or synthetic turf, etc.

3. 2016-2017 WORK PLAN HIGHLIGHTS

3.1 Elementary Sports Program

Dave Lewis, Recreation Director, provided a review of the Elementary Sports Program highlights over the past year.

3.2 Eastside Community Center

Debbie Terwilleger, Planning Director, provided a review of the Eastside Community Center project highlights over the past year.

3.3 Environmental Learning Center update

Rob Sawatzky, Director of Planning & Construction, provided a review of the Environmental Learning Center construction project highlights over the past year.

3.4 Whole Child Pass

Josh Garcia, Deputy Superintendent, and Shon Sylvia, Executive Director, presented an update on the Whole Child Access Pass project. The pass provides all TPS students and their families' special opportunities and negotiated rates for a variety of Metro Parks programs, facilities and attractions. The goal is to reduce registration barrier and enhance awareness of out-of-school time experiences that aid in Whole Child development.

4. BOARD DISCUSSION AND QUESTIONS

Participants engaged in discussion regarding various aspects of the ongoing partnership and projects between the two agencies.

5. ADJOURN

Board President Ushka adjourned the meeting at 5:50pm.

Minutes approved by the Board on: _____

Signed by: _____

Superintendent Carla Santorno

By: _____

Board President, Catherine Ushka