

Mayor's Commission for Children February Minutes

February 12, 2019 8 am

Springfield Chamber of Commerce

Springfield, Mo. 65806

MCC members in attendance: Susie Henderson, Trysta Herzog, Linda Saturno, Missy Riley, Christen Davis, Bria Coale, Jennifer McClure

MCC members absent: Chris Jarratt, Shara Cash

Advisory Council members in attendance: Dr. Kayce Morton, Linda Ramey-Greiwe, Alexis Brown, John Chastain, Dr. Doug McNeal, Dr. Denise Fredrick, Dr. Jennifer Baker, Jan Fisk, Dr. Beth Andrews, Mike White, Gerry Lee, Pat Gartland

Advisory Council members absent: Carol Wooten, Morey Mechlin, Dr. Laurie Edmondson, Kimberly Shinn-Brown, Amy Chenoweth

Jennifer McClure, chairman opened the meeting at 8:02. Welcomed presenters and a guest who is a student and interning at the Child advocacy Center. A motion to approve minutes amended with correction in attendance was made by Susie Henderson and seconded by Linda Saturno. Minutes approved.

Dr. Mike Dawson gave the group an overview of the ballot language and the plans for the bond' use. It will need a 57 percent passage rate. The voters will consider an 18-cent increase (over two years) to the debt-service levy to fund 39 critical projects. Secure entrances at 31 schools, renovate Sunshine and Williams elementary schools and Hillcrest High School. Reconstruct Boyd, Delaware and Jarrett Middle School.

The Early Childhood expansion would provide services in the Midtown area as well as in northwest and southwest Springfield. Boyd and Williams will serve as a mini hub serving 100 preschoolers each. A new early childhood center located near Carver Middle School would serve 250 preschool students.

Jessica Seitz gave a wonderful overview of Missouri Kids First and the advocacy and public policies that the group is involved with in Jefferson City. We hope to share an end of the year summary after the current legislative session is over on some of the issues that they are working on passing.

Meeting adjourned at 9. Next meeting (March 12) will have Dr. Amy St. John, Director of Performance Analytics, sharing the Student Success Report from Springfield Public Schools.

