

**Arts Education and Access Citizen Oversight Committee (AOC)
Metrics Sub-Committee
Fall 2015 Meeting**



AGENDA

Wednesday October 28, 2015

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Portland Building – 1120 SW Fifth Ave.

TSCC Offices – 15th Floor

1. Attendees

Stan Penkin, AOC Chair
Mark Wubbold, AOC
Nancy Helmsworth, AOC
Marna Stalcup, RACC
Maya McFaddin, RACC

Jenny Kalez, Commissioner Fish office
Niel Deponte, AOC
Jessy Friedt, AOC
Craig Gibbons, Metrics Chair

2. Absent

Jim Cox, AOC

Srule Brachman, AOC

3. Developments Since Last Meeting

a. Update from the Commissioner's Office – Jenny

PPS is covering the funding for the two state-chartered schools from its general fund this year and City of Portland will consider legislation this year to fund them in the future. The legislation for consideration will concern only this issue and no other changes to the Arts Tax.

There are rumors of a Clackamas county school district that has catchment in the City of Portland, but no substantiation of that, it is just a possible issue now.

The issue of “what is a certified arts teacher” can and will be handled by the Revenue Division through the administrative rules process. Stan to follow up with Terri Williams.

The Council is soon to declare November as public arts month.

b. New member candidates – Stan

Stan introduced Neil Deponte, a new AOC member and volunteer for the Metrics Committee. This was followed by a discussion of membership and recruitment of new members. Jenny will put out a recruitment notice and we will try to fill all 20 committee positions

Jessy suggested a new committee member orientation program to help reduce the learning curve. It will help new members become more comfortable and useful on the committee. Stan to remind Meghan to provide committee books for new members (and to get books returned by outgoing members)

Mark suggested assigning new members a mentor to help with this issue also.

It was agreed that we would try to have a full membership and some of the on-boarding work done before the next committee meeting in January.

c. The two state-chartered charter schools in PPS – Craig

See attached memo for clarification. Craig to obtain contact information for the Ivy and Southwest charter schools and bring them into the reporting loop.

d. Use of arts tax- funded teachers for non-arts tax duty – Stan

Stan reviewed discussion from last AOC meeting.

e. RACC’s increasing involvement – Marna

Marna reviewed discussion from last AOC meeting.

4. Preparation for 2015-16 Data Gathering

a. Review forms

Following due consideration and deliberation, the committee voted unanimously to eliminate the “Attributable” column from the data form.

b. RACC to develop Classroom Minutes data and report it to the Metrics Committee

Marna and Maya have started on this work, but the connection with Riverdale School District has not been made...no response. Craig said staff turnover was significant there and Nancy suggested going straight to the elementary school principal for information because the district is so small it lacks the administrative structure of the other districts. Craig will attempt to strengthen this connection between the District, RACC and the Committee.

5. Scheduling

Craig to make connections with two state chartered schools

Craig to distribute data collection forms by Nov 15

Craig and Stan to coordinate school distribution list
The next AOC meeting will be in January

6. Adjourned at 5:30

Attachment: Email regarding funding of state-chartered schools in PPS

From: Jon Isaacs
Sent: Friday, August 14, 2015 12:37 PM
To: mayorcharliehales@portlandoregon.gov
Cc: Josh Alpert; Rob Coleman (rbc@ycblaw.com); David Wynde
Subject: One time funding for Ivy and Southwest Charter Schools

Mayor Hales,

We are writing to inform you that PPS will be providing one time general fund support to both Ivy School and Southwest Charter School for the 2015-16 academic year only, to provide the level of funding for arts teacher staffing equivalent to what each school would receive if they qualified for the City of Portland Arts Tax under the city code.

The exact total funds to be provided to the two schools will be calculated by City staff based upon data supplied by the two schools, in the same way as for other charter schools.

Based upon the figures for 2013/14 we estimate that the amount of funding provided by PPS will be approximately \$40,000: \$26,000 for Ivy School and \$14,000 for Southwest School.

PPS will provide this one time funding with the clear understanding that the Portland City Council will act during the academic year to make the changes to city code deemed necessary to ensure that both Ivy and Southwest receive arts tax funds in future years. It continues to be Portland Public Schools' position that Ivy and Southwest schools should permanently qualify for arts tax funding.

We will confirm this arrangement with the schools immediately in order to allow them to hire the arts teaching staff as soon as possible. The funds will be allocated to Ivy and Southwest during the course of the year as they are received from the City, in the same way as for other charter schools.

Warmest Regards,

David Wynde
PPS Deputy Chief Financial Officer & Budget Director

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