



**Commission on Children and Youth**  
**Meeting Summary-FINAL**  
**March 8, 2023**  
**Meeting held via Microsoft TEAMS**

**Members Present:** LaTanya Johnson, Jeanett Peralta, Jackie Wang, , Gretchen Gilmore, Rishi Nixon, Kimberly McLurkin-Harris, Corinne Yourman, Gregory Tucker, Leon Peace, Michael Jimenez, Chanel Speaks, , Renae McPherson, Stephanie Clark, Kirsten Andersen, Jose Diaz, Smrithi Chakravarthy, Gregory Tucker Anna Marie Finley,

**Members Absent:** Sami Saeed, Nikhita Bhatt, Anna Marie Finley, Tatiana Holland, Tatiana Marina Lollo, Albert D. Reed

**Staff Present:** Pearline Tyson (DHHS),

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Chair Calls Full Commission meeting to Order at 6:35pm

Chair's Opening Remarks

Roll Call (to determine quorum) – quorum established (16 out 22)

Reviewed and approved February 8, 2023, meeting minutes.

Introduction of Equal Education Speaker-Nora Morales Program Director, Identity.

Commission Business

**Youth Committee Report Out on Youth Voice Roundtable**

- Middle school students were consistently sharing/participating.
- Highschool students shared school specific experiences. Students were very vocal, honest and shared their recommendations.
- A main thing students mentioned resources-not consistent across schools, accessibility and availability.
- Very diverse group of student participants.

**Priority #1-Safety Amongst Youth subcommittee:**

- Commission discussion potential recommendations such as:
  - Disconnect between administration and students.
  - Bathroom restrictions
  - Preventive measures for middle school students.
  - What can MCPS do legally?
  - Prevention vs intervention
  - What resources are available for students?

**Priority #2- Equal Education Opportunities subcommittee:**

- Discussed history and diversity among Latino culture.
- Learned more about Emerging Multilingual Learners formerly known as ESOL.
- Discussed current budget of EML learners in MCPS and that curriculum is not standard across MCPS.
- Discussed potential recommendations such as increase MCPS funding, fund interventionist, smaller classroom size and reorganization of MCPS structure, after school programming, library programming and lastly how to help parents of EML learners.
- **8:37 pm**      Adjournment

