

Special Committee of the Whole Meeting (Joint Meeting with the Minneapolis Park and Recreation)

Tuesday, October 29, 2024 5:00 PM

Mary Merrill Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board Headquarters, 2117 West
River Road, Minneapolis, MN 55411

- 1) **Call to Order and Roll Call**
- 2) **Opening Remarks by the President and Chair/Superintendents**
- 3) **Reports from Staff**
 - a. Partnership Updates
- 4) **Board Discussion of Reports**
- 5) **Staff Suggestions from 2023 Goal Setting Exercise**
- 6) **Adjournment**

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Agenda

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Opening Remarks by the President and Chair/Superintendents



Reports from Staff

- Partnership Updates
 - Facilities and Land Use: Collaborative planning
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 - Programs and Services: Full-Service Community Schools
 - Communications and Marketing: Collaboration Update
- Highlights: Environmental Stewardship



Facilities and Land Use: Collaborative Planning

- Monthly capital and project planning meetings
- Provide capital plans for 2025 – 2028
 - Finalized Willard Park Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership grant – acquisition/land swap
 - Continue to improve communication on access and safety issues at joint use sites
- Diamond Sports Committee will be making recommendations this fall on use and priorities



Facilities and Land Use: Shared Use Agreements Update

- MPS and MPRB regularly review maintenance, operational efficiencies, and optimal utilization of physical resources
- Required documentation has been completed and will be submitted for Board approval in 2024
- A written report will be submitted at the end of the year in accordance with the MOU



Program and Services: FSCS Overview

- Community partnerships provide after school programming at no cost
- School Day Partnerships
- Family Workshops
- Family Engagement Events (School Year)
- Summer Family Engagement
- Supporting Families (Services/Eliminating Barriers)
- Expansion/Pilot (Folwell Community School)



Pathway FSCS Model Overview

MPS has many integrated student and families supports districtwide. Can we more efficiently:

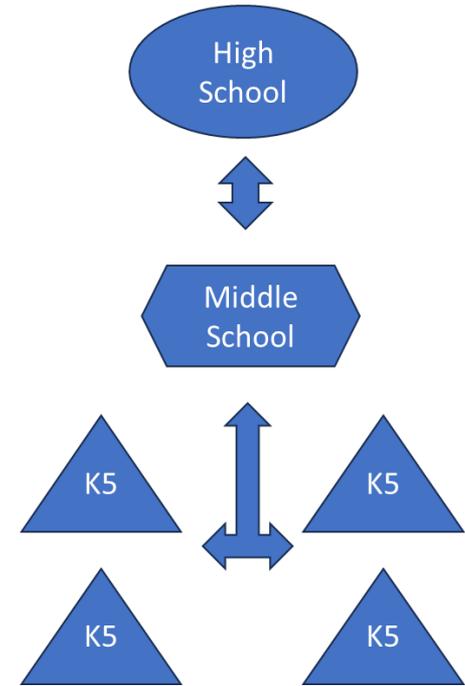
Scaffold

Coordinate &
Organize

Leverage

Maximize
Impact

Continuity



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Communications and Marketing: Collaboration Update

- Staff have identified and implemented ways to increase ease of use for residents:
 - Both organizations are using Eleyo for childcare registration:
- Staff to staff communications have improved dramatically, a strong network of key stakeholders has developed in the past five years
- Cross marketing programs and events are happening consistently through an acknowledgement and website listing in each agency's seasonal guides and through MPS' streamlined process for MPRB program staff to distribute print or digital activity fliers



Environmental Stewardship Highlights



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2023–2024 School Year & Summer

- 120 4th grade schoolers climbed trees with Forestry staff
- Environmental Educators (EE) staff provided 150+ hours of free Drop-in Discovery programs during recess at nine MPS school-park sites, resulting in 5400 interactions with students
- EE staff led 35 hours of free after school programming over 18 weeks at three school sites
- Kroening Nature Center staff partnered with ECFE pre-k and parent educators for the weekly Nature & Curiosity and Play & Learn series, serving 30 + families
- EE led field trips for a variety of MPS programs at Theodore Wirth Park and along the Mississippi River, serving 765 students



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- 214 rising kindergarteners visited Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden
- JD Rivers' Children's Garden served 45 students in 6–8th grades for three days as part of Expedition Minneapolis Blast
 - Served 3rd and 4th grade youth in the Camden Super Summer program on a weekly basis throughout the month of July.



Environmental Stewardship Highlights

- Youth Employment & Training Initiatives (YETI) staff work with MPS staff and its career centers to recruit youth ages 14 to 24 for summer employment opportunities
- The Minneapolis Park Corps, a new employment program for ages 18-24, connected with CTE staff to do outreach and gauge interest from students about working in the trades.
- Teen Teamworks is a foundational employment program for ages 14 to 18. Employed 171 high school students; 119 were MPS enrolled students. Employed 24 adult seasonal staff hired; 14 of which were employed by MPS during school year.



Safety Highlights



Working Together

- Cross collaborations between safety teams (Community Connections and Violence Prevention and Emergency Management Safety & Security)
 - Cross training
 - Preventative information sharing
 - Release day activity planning and preparation
 - De-escalation support
- A Meet & Greet was also held with MPRB Police Officers and MPS EMSS



CCVP Highlights

- CCVP partnered with Minneapolis Public School's EMSS team to host a Community Network and Learn event May 16th, 2024.
- Over 40 participants attended representing
 - MPRB Youth Specialists & CCVP Staff
 - MPS staff
 - MPRB Park Police & Local Law Enforcement
 - Outreach workers from MPRB, MPS and other local agencies
 - Youth
 - Youth development workers
 - Minneapolis Public Health
- This is the first of many community partnership events where we will learn how to better work for our young people and with each other to provide safer neighborhoods, schools, and communities.



Community Partnership Luncheon

Hosted By: Emergency Management Safety and Security & The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board's Community Connections and Violence Prevention Department

AN INVITATION FOR OUR WORKING COMMUNITY, COMMUNITY PARTNERS, AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT

WHO	
When	Thursday, May 16th 11am-2pm
Where	Elsie's (729 Marshall St Ne, Minneapolis MN 55413)
Why	Community Networking Identifying behavior and circumstances of our youth. Communication, Resources and Engagement Collaborative action of diversion and interventions.
How	RSVP by May 6th Email: Brandon.Krona@mpls.k12.mn.us

If you have any food allergies or need food accommodations share via Email



Discussion of Reports



Staff Recommendations from 2023 Goal Setting Exercise



Staff Suggestions Goal Setting

- Determine process to further improve cross marketing for greater efficiency, timeliness and participation
- Co-host a spring break "Activity Fair" to provide registration and financial assistance information for summer programming for underrepresented students and families



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- 3rd Grade Swimming Pilot: Planning work in 2025 to develop structure, costs and funding sources to implement a phased approach in 2026.
- Develop eco-friendly initiatives in support of the urban agriculture program at CTE/Edison
 - Ideas: co-teach, collaborate on curriculum or youth summer employment (JDRivers and TTW Green Teams)



Current Agreements

- All agreements between the two organizations are [posted here](#).



Adjournment

