Lee’s Summit R-7 School District Jan. 16, 2018
Citizens’ Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

FUTURE MEETINGS/EVENTS:
● 7 a.m. to around 6 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 24 - Advocacy Trip to Jeff City. Please RSVP to Janice Phelan if you have not already.
● 8 to 9:30 a.m. Friday, March 9 - CAC Legislative breakfast at the Missouri Innovation Campus
  ○ Invite Business Roundtable
● 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Monday, May 7 - CAC meeting at the Stansberry Leadership Center Board Room

Google slide show from this meeting is available here:
https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1TnbRaTvUbjVWVlClcBnF0oQre8crJaRLV1DDNOkLuyTY/edit?usp=sharing

Members attending
CAC members attending included Chairperson Kent Kirby, Assistant Chairperson Elaine Bluml, Greg Arens, Genevieve Boehm, Dave Boulden, Dr. Dennis Carpenter, Susan Coffman, Michelle Conrad, Julie Doane, Dr. Jerry Evans, Trish Frevert, Mia Fulson, Jared Grauberger, Hilary Graves, Dr. Dale Greer, Marcey Gulley, Dr. Judy Hedrick, Stephen Hill, Tom Jackson, Mike Johnson, Sarah Knights, Lora Ledbetter, Roby Little, Jaime Lyon, Amy Moore, Judy Noland, Janice Phelan, Dennis Smith, Linda Thee, Cita Trice, Mark VanBlaricum, Seth Vopat, Carrie Williams and Ying Zurbuchen. Guests included Kerry Boehm, principal at Great Beginnings; Dr. Emily Miller, assistant superintendent of special services; Dr. David Sharp, assistant superintendent of secondary instruction; Dr. Laurel Hogue, UCM vice provost of extended services; and John Schuler, a candidate for the Board of Education. The meeting opened at 6:35 p.m. and adjourned around 8:30 p.m. Tours of Great beginnings were held before the meeting.

Great Beginnings Early Education Center Update
Kerry Boehm, principal at Great Beginnings, presented information about the facility, its community partners, students served and the four programs -- Parents As Teachers, Early Childhood Special Education, Title Funded Preschool and Head Start Preschool. The program has several growth opportunities including a substantial wait list for Parents As Teachers services, a shortage of space with services offered out of four locations as well as challenges in planning due to uncertainty regarding federal and state funding. A video focusing on a day in the life of a GBECC student concluded the presentation. The video is available on the R-7 YouTube channel:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QfS1m1FKVvk

Superintendent’s 100-Day Report
Dr. Carpenter presented information on his 100-Day Report, presented to the Board of Education in November, and available at this webpage: http://www.lsr7.org/superintendent/

Innovation Track
Dr. Carpenter, Dr. Sharp and Dr. Hogue presented information on the district’s new Innovation Track program, available to 2018-19 juniors and seniors and beginning next fall. More information about the program is available at this webpage: https://www.lsr7.org/sites/innovation-track/. Through the program, juniors and seniors have the opportunity to earn up to 30 hours of college credit at limited or no cost to the student or his/her family. The program was approved by the Board of Education in December. It will be offered on the MCC-Longview campus with Lee’s Summit R-7 funding bus transportation from students’ home high schools to Longview.
Legislative Update
Dr. Dennis Carpenter distributed the district’s Legislative Priorities which are available on the district’s Legislative Advocacy webpage at http://www.lsr7.org/district/legislative-advocacy/. Examples of priorities include support of fully funding the Missouri Foundation Formula for public schools, support of school board oversight of income tax credit program, opposition to efforts to reduce local authority of school boards, opposition to vouchers and tuition tax credits for private/home schools and support of complete accountability for charter schools. Dr. Carpenter shared that the ongoing push for tax cuts is troubling for Lee’s Summit R-7 and districts across the state. He also discussed attempts by the governor to politicize the Missouri Board of Education in a way that has never been seen before.

Roundtable/Adjourn
After a roundtable, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 p.m.

Thank you for being a part of the Citizens’ Advisory Committee!!

Please visit the CAC website at: http://www.lsr7.org/district/community/citizens-advisory-committee/