



### **AGENDA**

Wheaton Community Recreation Center – Social Hall  
11701 Georgia Ave, Wheaton  
Thursday, March 20, 2025  
6:00 p.m.

**Board Members:** Princess Clemente, Tom Cove, Mary Kate Crawford, Jay Goldstein, Sam Griffin, Joe Hooks, Trish Heffelfinger, Rick James, Tony Korson, David Schardt, Tina Won Sherman, Christopher Wajda, Doug Schuessler, Doug Remer

**Absent Board Members:** Ben Corb, Amy Lopez, Rachel Watanabe-Tate

**Ex-Officio:** Bryan Walker, Mark Comer, Derrick Thompson, Heather Fine, Carl Weber, Steve Solomon

**Staff:** Jason Fasteau, Adriane Clutter

**Guests:** Sydney Wilson-Hunter (Director, Out-of-School Time Programs, Collaboration Council)

6:10 pm - **Called to order** (Tom Cove)

6:11 pm - **Review and approve agenda** (unanimous)

6:12pm - **Review and approve January minutes** (unanimous)

6:12pm - **Guest welcome** (Tina Won Sherman)

6:14pm - **Presentation from Collaboration Council and Q&A** (Sydney Wilson-Hunter, Director, Out-of-School Time Programs)

Presentation and discussion included:

- Role of [Collaboration Council](#) in county
  - Partnership with other agencies etc (CC has convening power)
  - Disseminate local, county, fed dollars into community – esp capacity-building for small entities
  - Using data to make informed choices
    - Triennial comm needs assessment wrapping up now
  - Youth engagement
- OST (out of school time) programs they sponsor:
  - Excel beyond the bell w/ Rec
  - Community and school based state funded programs (community centers, apt complexes)
- Support providers with funding and professional development and quality monitoring
- Offer youth-development training for providers / gov employees / young people > working from a strength-based perspective, not from a deficit perspective
- Dedicated community engagement dept as well as youth organizer position and community organizer position - building out a training series about how to implement their community engagement strategy
- Support countywide OST network > how to ensure access to OST programs for ages 3-24 that is equitable and sustainable
- Would like to increase sports offerings
- Current project: How much is MoCO spending on OST (both before/after school as well as weekends).

#### ACTIONS:

- They are soliciting feedback on the [OST strategic plan](#) and welcome our input. Currently in phase 1.
- Attend a provider meeting (next one April 2).
- Sign up for CC newsletter.
- Join advisory group for OST network
- Contact directly for follow-up: Sydney Willson-Hunter, Director, Out-of-School Time (OST) Programs, [sydney.wilson-hunter@collaborationcouncil.org](mailto:sydney.wilson-hunter@collaborationcouncil.org), 301-610-0147

- From Tom Cove: Think about what we can do with this opportunity - discuss in working group meetings this month

#### 7:02pm - **MCPS Middle School Sports Presentation** (Bryan Walker)

Presentation and discussion included:

- History of MS sports in MCPS
- Three-tiered approach to MS sports:
  1. Intramural (IM) - offerings are at discretion of each school's principal and activities exclusively at home school. Principals keep data on participation but that is not gathered by MCPS Central Office.
  2. Extramural
  3. Interscholastic (IS) - parallel to HS JV/Varsity sports and includes travel to nearby schools for games
- Whether to offer IS sports to 6th graders, who in MCPS are not currently eligible
- Specific sports offerings
- Benefits of MS sports for students
- Historic participation stats (demand sometimes outpacing opportunity -( ex: recently, 92 tryouts for soccer at one MS, but only keeping 25 players)
- Structural limitations on MS sports:
  - State cap on participation hours / participation restricted to Tues/Weds/Thurs
  - Facility limitations re: number of gyms in middle schools
  - Transportation (teams mostly use private buses for travel to opponent schools)
  - Availability of coaches/officials

**ACTION:** For next meeting, think about whether we should be working on issues related to MS sports (possible ex: adding new MS sports, 6th-grade participation)

#### 7:57pm - **Working Group Updates**

##### Recognition Working Group (David Schardt)

David presented the three awardees for committee approval, which was unanimous.

8:06pm - **Adjourn** (Rick James motioned, unanimous approval)