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Meeting Minutes

CHARTER SCHOOL REVIEW COMMITTEE

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Pointer-Mace, and Glenn Steinbrecher**

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Thursday, February 16, 2017

5:30 PM

City Hall, Room 301-A

1. Roll call.

Meeting convened: 5:30 P.M.

*Members present: Kevin Ingram, Glenn Steinbrecher, Monique Liston and Melinda
Scott-Krei*

Members excused: Joyce Mallory, Desiree Pointer-Mace and Ruben Burgos

2. Review and approval of the minutes of the January 19th meeting.

*Ms. Scott-Krei moved, seconded by Ms. Liston, for approval of the minutes. There
were no objections*

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Communication relating to administrative matters of the Charter
School Review Committee.

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Janice Erleth and Susan Gramling - Children's Research Center (CRC)

*Ms. Gramling said that with the proposed changes in the new and old scorecards that
the difference in the elementary schools is greater for the most recent year. That
may be due to the change in the test administered. The CRC is recommending that
the pilot scorecard be implemented this year and noted that the difference is about 10
points lower across all schools. The high school scores didn't vary as widely and that
might be due to the fact that the tests were the same, which skewed the elementary
school numbers. Escuela Verde and Milwaukee Math and Sciences Academy both
fall below the threshold of 70%, but both schools had improved from the previous
year.*

*Mr. Erleth said the threshold was set by the committee after reviewing 3 years'
worth of school data. CRC recommends adopting the pilot scorecard and begin
using it this year. That pilot score card will be used for at least a year before setting
any new academic goals. There are some standards the committee still needs to set
for the scorecard, which can be set from the 2017/2018 school year if the committee
wishes based upon two years of data. For the two schools below the threshold, the
recommendation is that the schools must increase their overall ratings by two points.
Ms. Gramling suggested changing the last sentence to add the word "pilot" scorecard
in their memo, so schools know it's not the scorecard in the report, but the pilot one.
The chair said the goal is to get every school at 70 or above. Ms. Erleth said having*

more year-to-year results will allow the committee to be able to set realistic and good standards.

Mr. Steinbrecher is concerned that the pilot scorecard may not reflect how the students are doing and used Central City Cyberschool as an example where 97.8% of eighth grade students are performing below or at the basic level, but the school has a score of 83.4.

Mr. Larry Hoffman questioned why the scorecard is being changed based upon the test being used. From the last meeting, the list of submitted recommendations contained one he had made and wanted to thank the committee for acting on it.

Ms. Scott-Krei moved to adopt the pilot scorecard, with items 1-4 and with the amended section on #4 with the word "pilot" added, seconded by Ms. Liston. There was one objection (Mr. Steinbrecher voting "no")

In regards to the lead-in water testing, Ms. Peay said that she has been coordinating with the water quality manager and the plan is to test the schools in April or May. There will be 3 informational meetings on the protocol that the schools need to follow and what to expect. The informational meetings will be held in March. The contract language is being amended but that isn't completed yet. The testing will be done prior to the summer so any issues can be addressed in summer.

Meeting adjourned: 5:59 P.M.

Linda M. Elmer

Staff Assistant

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