

Arts Education and Access Citizen Oversight Committee (AOC) Meeting

Date: December 4, 2017
Time: 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM
Location: Windows Café @ BESC, PPS Admin Bldg, 501 N Dixon St.
Attendees: AOC Members: Craig Gibbons, Nancy Helmsworth, Cherie-Anne May, Alison Chambers, Michael Cummings, Maddelyn High, Lori Howell
City of Portland Staff: Thomas Lannom, Din Belderrain
Public: Kristen Brayson (PPS)

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Public Comments - None
3. Agenda Items
 - a. Minutes from 10/30/17 (Craig)
 - i. Review of last meeting
 - ii. Approved
 - b. Communications (Lori)
 - i. Recap of previous discussion
 1. Define purpose
 2. 1st & 2nd generation
 - a. Preliminary definition
 - i. What the Arts Tax is
 - ii. What the Arts Tax does
 3. This generation
 - a. Simplify message
 - b. ID issue
 - i. What is the issue?
 - ii. What is the solution?
 - iii. What are the benefits?
 - c. ID audience
 - ii. Issues
 1. Equity
 - a. School districts w/parents in higher socioeconomic status have the means to provide financial support when funds not available through school district
 - b. School administrators discern needs of school and hire based on that need
 - i. Visual arts
 - ii. Music
 2. Common misconceptions
 - a. Why is one school district receiving more funds than another?
 - i. Revenue charged with disbursement to school districts
 - ii. School districts charged with budgeting – many factors involved

- iii. Disbursement calculated in accordance w/Code
 - b. Public associates arts w/visual arts, however, other arts also receive funding
 - 3. Accountability
 - a. School districts
 - i. AOC may submit questions to Revenue
 - ii. Din may forward questions to school districts for response – maybe before spring so school district has opportunity to remedy?
 - iii. Ex: why is school district failing to comply with 500:1 ratio?
 - b. RACC
 - i. AOC to request more clarity from Commissioner Nick Fish
 - ii. Course of action contingent upon guidance by Commissioner Fish
 - 4. Solution
 - a. Discussion of metrics
 - i. Review of data
 - ii. Availability of data
 - iii. Presentation of data – maybe include visual depiction?
 - b. Benefits
 - i. Student – teacher ratio down - most school districts below 500:1
 - ii. 35,000 K-5 students benefit
 - iii. Community grants through RACC
 - c. Credit events funded by Arts Tax funds
 - i. Maybe a blurb on flyers for an event that received funds
 - ii. Pin?
 - iii. Stickers?
 - 4. Next Committee Meeting
 - a. Date: January 8, 2018
 - b. Location: TBD
 - c. Follow up on communications
 - d. Follow up on metrics
 - e. RACC
 - f. Recruitment - spring
 - 5. Adjourn: 7:15pm