

City of Chicago
DISTRICT COUNCIL # 015
COMMUNITY COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

MEETING MINUTES

MEETING TYPE: Regular Special Closed

MEETING DATE: 3/14/2024

MEETING LOCATION & ADDRESS: Austin H.S. 231 N. Pine Ave

MEETING START TIME: 5:00 pm

Attendance & Quorum

OMA Meeting cannot take place without 2 out of 3 members present in-person.

District Council Member Name	Attendance
Chair: Carmelita Earls	Present: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Remote: <input type="checkbox"/> Absent: <input type="checkbox"/>
Nominating Committee: Karen Winters	Present: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Remote: <input type="checkbox"/> Absent: <input type="checkbox"/>
Community Engagement: Deondre Rutues	Present: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Remote: <input type="checkbox"/> Absent: <input type="checkbox"/>

Quorum (2 out of 3 Members): Yes: No:

Public Comment

Do you think it's a good idea for the Board of Education to remove all CPD officers from schools?

Some kids may have good relationships with the officers inside their school.

Is it CPD job to move the homeless people and their tents from Columbus Park.

We need to educate the adults on the drugs kids are taking today. The pills have fentanyl in them and it's a high amount of kids overdosing.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes are approved by the second regular meeting after they are taken.
Approved minutes are posted online within 10 days after approval.

Minute for 2/8/2024 were approved. Motion by Councilor Rutues and second by Councilor Winters.

District Council Member Updates

There will be a meeting for you to meet the District Council from 015 and 025 at 5730 W. Division on March 28, 2024 6pm-8pm.

One Summer Chicago is now excepting applications ages 15-24.

S.L.A.M. has services on Monday's at By The Hands Club.

The nominators picked 15 applicants for the Community Commission. Those names will be submitted to the Mayor and he will pick 7 from the 15.

Discussions

Councilwoman Earls expressed that armed officers can be a deterrent, a distraction, or can be perceived as a threat. Councilwoman Winters suggested replacing them with counselors or restorative justice programs. She added that she thinks it should be up to the school to choose to have officers or not.

Al Stinson from a new nonprofit named Yruidition that works towards restoring emotional well-being and provide trauma education. Stinson explained the youth are trained to demean themselves and were program to not use your conscious senses in their brains. With this generation the gun represents a father. If you have a father at home and something happens to you, you're going to say I'm going to get my father and that's because a father provides and protects. Most of these kids are not raised with a father so they get their gun. Stinson passed out pennies to everyone and he informed us that part of your brain which makes you react in rage is the size of a penny and therefore a penny can ruin your life.

Micheal and Amari from Roots To Fruit explained how a tragic murder of a child inspired them to promote peace. Founder Aisha Oliver stepped in and provided a safe space for them to "break bread". It started with conversations surrounding change in the neighborhood and different ideas formed their organization. These young adults do peace tours at different schools in the city. They spoke about building trust in the community and resources for mental health.

Votes

No votes

Announcement of Next District Council Meeting

NEXT MEETING DATE: 3/14/2024

NEXT MEETING LOCATION (if available): 231 N. Pine Ave

District Council ended the meeting at: 7:51 pm