

WHRO Community Advisory Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

Meeting began: 6:08pm

CAB attendance: Felicia Mebane, Christopher O'Brien, Al Schweizer, Charlotte Zito, Laura Phillion, Meghan Higgin, Margie Whiley, Denise Fisher, Stephanie Robinson, Alison Schoew, Hoda Zaki, Thomas Isenbour, Rowena Finn, Ben Lynerd and Carolann Malbrough

WHRO Staff: Nancy Rogan, Laura Phillion,

Charlotte asked for upcoming Radio Pledge volunteers.

June meeting we will review minutes for December and March.

Happy Birthday Charlotte!

Laura Phillion, a General Assignment Reporter at WHRO announced Steve Walsh as WHRO's new hire as Military Journalist and Connor Worley as their new Segway Producer. Margie announced urbanization concerns in Suffolk, citing 18 wheelers are traveling where they are not allowed. City of Suffolk's solution was to add a 'No Trucks' sign. Rowena brought up Virginia DOE had scheduled Standards of Learning Town Hall Meetings with the nearest meeting in Jamestown and Fairfax. Social Studies SOL is a big issue and some are pushing to get God back into the classroom.

The questions were asked, "What's going on with elementary school children's mental health?" "What is causing lack of participation in PTA?" and "Where is the accountability for parents?" Suggestions were lack of role models, no accountability, too much screen time and no support for their teachers. It was stated pediatrician will prescribe medications while the children wait months for a therapist appointment because they are in such demand.

Chris (jokingly) proposes a Curate for Teachers.

The Issues/Trends in education:

- Teachers are don't feel safe or supported,
- fewer are going into the profession,

- Parents are less involved yet they expect the schools/teachers to parent their kids,
- Kids are suffering mentally which affects academics and it is months to get an appointment with a therapist,
- Schools' don't have many options or resources to address "difficult" kids other than suspension, and often these kids don't want to be there anyway.
- Good teachers are leaving...mid-year even
- Crime
- Parents need to get more involved
- Report positive news, not so much doom and gloom

Newspubs coming up next week

3/23 Smartmouth VA Beach

4/13 Reaver Beach Brewing

5/25 Newport News Traditional Brewing

6/13 Virginia Beer Co in Williamsburg

Working with Hampton Roads Workforce Council – Supporting Women in Skilled Careers

June 8 – Women in Skilled Career Symposium

Meeting ended: 7:33