

Board Report
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La Casita Center 3/23/2017

Met with executive director Karina Barillas, her staff, and board chair over lunch at their center to learn more about their mission and outreach to Louisville's Latinx communities, and particularly, their partnership with JCPS Early Childhood education programming.

National School Board Association Annual Conference 3/24-27/2017

Attended four days of outstanding programs, attending numerous sessions with a focus on effective school board governance, strong public education leadership teams, and closing achievement gaps through differential school supports. Another highlight of the conference was the opportunity to meet other school board members from across the country, as well as to meet with colleagues from across the Commonwealth at the NSBA Kentucky Breakfast.

Stage One 3/30/2017

Attended the final production of the Stage One season, and met with staff members from our local theater for young audiences to learn more about Stage One's programming and grant writing to support experiences in the arts for JCPS students.

Superintendent Summit on Integrated Behavior Supports for Students 4/11/2017

Wonderful community turnout for this important presentation and discussion about plans underway for a major systemic shift in the way the school district supports positive student behaviors and implements schoolwide restorative practices. The district's plan takes into account two important realities: the only way to change student behavior is to change adult behavior; the only way to achieve real cultural change in the schools is through intentional and sustained coaching.

Southeast Youth Coalition 4/13/2017

Met with this community-based organization representing several different health organizations that focuses on reducing risks of violence and substance use and abuse among students. The Southeast chapter is particularly focused on reducing risk through promoting literacy in the Newburg area.

Harvard By All Means Project Group Meeting 4/17/2017

Ongoing discussions around the scope of the Harvard By All Means Project. Project goals have been identified: increasing student sense of belonging; reducing exclusionary discipline practices.

Louisville Showing Up for Racial Justice 4/21/2017

Attended the LSURJ celebration of the Waggener HS football team that was honored for the team's and school leaders' standing up for racial justice, for the team's leadership, and for ongoing efforts to combat profiling and racial stereotypes. Speakers included Sen. Gerald Neal, Rep. Attica Scott, and School Board member Chris Kolb.

Cradle to Career Cabinet Meeting 4/24/2017

Attended and received updates from representatives of the Weiss Institute on steps to sustain community efforts to support success and opportunities for all students, and the four pillars of Louisville's Cradle to Career initiatives.

Schools: Attended Hartstern ES 3rd Annual Cultural Night; School visit to Rangeland ES