

Mayor 's Commission for Children Minutes

November 14th, 2023, 8 am.

York Elementary

2100 W Nichols Street

Springfield Mo 65803

Commission members present: Dr. Kaleen Long, Dr. Tom Masterson, Gerald Lee, Mike White Jennifer McClure

Commission members absent: Brandy Harris, Dr. Elizabeth Andrews, Amy Chenoweth, Chris Jarratt

Advisory Council members present: Danielle Kincaid, Bria Coale, Dr. Kristen Thompson, Rinda Davis, Dr. Doug McNeal, Karen Kunkel, Kimberly Shinn Brown, Missy Riley, Christy Davis

Dr. Long opened the meeting at 8 am. Welcomed new members and attendance recorded. Bria Coale is moving to Commission after council approval. Karen Kunkel will be our chamber representative on the Advisory Council. Gerald Lee will be joining the Public Utilities Board and will not be able to serve his term. We will be searching for a new Commission member to fulfill two years of Gerald Lee's remaining term.

Amy Jardell was the presenter from Ozarks Literacy. York is one of the buildings that she regularly serves in. She did an overview of the services that her agency provides in the Springfield area. Amy indicated that there are 95 students and 82 tutors currently 30 on a waitlist. Three schools- York, McGregor and Williams with the Reading Resource Program. Preschool readings 43 classes 713 students served.

The Principal and Assistant Principal gave a tour of the newly completed building to the Commission and Advisory Council. The meeting was adjourned on completion of the tour.

Next meeting(December 12th) will be back at the Chamber of Commerce with State Representative Melanie Stinnett to present on the new Autism Center at Arc of the Ozarks.