



Meeting with Councilmember Trayon White
Wednesday, January 24, 2018 9:00am – 10:00am
 1350 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Room 104, Washington, DC 20004

Time	Item	Description	Lead(s)
9:00am – 9:05am	Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share purpose of PAVE and meeting • Review agenda • Thank Councilmember White and staffer 	Anise Walker, Meeting Chair
9:05am – 9:10am	Introduction of Councilmember	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduce Councilmember White to the PLE Board 	Jacque Patterson, Executive Director (Rocketship)
9:10am – 9:20am	Parent Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Round Robin introductions of parents (Chair goes last) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Parent Name ○ School(s) Your Child(ren) Attend(s) ○ How did you choose the school for your child? Why was that school the best choice? • <i>Notes: Speak in your “teacher voice” so everyone in the room can hear you! =)</i> 	All Parents
9:20am – 9:25am	Councilmember Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair introduces themselves last and thanks parents for their powerful stories. • Chair invites Councilmember White to share with the parents about what he is working on in Ward 8 before parents ask their questions that they have prepared. 	Anise Walker, Meeting Chair
9:25am– 9:32am	Parent Question and Discussion 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last year, I was a part of a group called the Ward 8 Parent Operator Selection Team – also known as the Ward 8 POST – and it was a group of parents from Ward 8 and Joint Base Anacostia Bolling (JBAB) who worked together to put out our own request for proposals for an operator to open a school on 7-acres of land on the base. It was a great experience for me to learn from and share with other parents, as we all worked to create a great school option for our kids in Ward 8. And we worked hard together – meeting every other week on our Saturdays. But I think that there aren’t enough opportunities for families to come together to not only say what types of schools we want to see in our community but also to have the power to make decisions about those schools. This is especially true in Ward 8, where we know we do not have enough good school options for our kids. How are you, as a Councilmember, working to bring more parent voice to the Council and make sure that we have lots of great options for schools in our Ward – that are created WITH parents? How are you supporting projects that parents lead, like the Ward 8 POST, so that parents can help 	Reginald Workman, KIPP DC and Wilson HS

		create the types of great schools that we want to see in our Ward?	
9:32am – 9:39am	<i>Parent Question and Discussion 2</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents across the city are worried about finding a great school for each of their children. I was lucky to be able to find Achievement Prep for my kids but with my oldest going off to high school, it has been really hard to find a good high school for her in Ward 8. We've all seen the media about the graduation issues at Ballou and we know that we don't have nearly as many great options for high school on the East side of the River as they do on the other side. I'm now looking at private schools for my daughter and that means a lot of cost for our family – not just financially but also in terms of a very long commute to school. As our Ward 8 Councilmember, what are you doing to create stronger high school options for our families in Ward 8? And until we have the same kinds of options as they have on the other side of the river at the high school grades, how are you working to make sure our Ward 8 kids have access to the schools throughout the city – and aren't stopped from attending them because of family income or transportation? 	DaSean Jones, Achievement Prep
9:39am– 9:46am	<i>Parent Question and Discussion 3</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nothing breaks my heart more than to see a child arrested. Not only because it's a child, but because it's likely that it could've been prevented. These are the unfortunate occurrences that I see and hear about in my neighborhood of southeast on a regular basis: young kids with nothing to do, eventually finding the wrong thing(s) to do - out of school with idle time. Every time I see this happen, I can't help but ask myself, "what if he/she were in a program @the same time the cops came? Isn't there something constructive they could've been putting their energy in to? Or are there underlying feelings of inadequacy that need to be addressed?" There's a disparaging amount of youth who quite frankly aren't prepared for the many stages of their development coupled with Inconsistencies in contractor commitment of already existing programs. <p>DC could invest \$25m in programs to help change the trajectory of our youth. What if DC were up there with the likes of Boulder and Nashville as being the best international cities for millennial start –up's? There's a little girl or boy from southeast with an entrepreneurial mind to become the next Douglas Jemal of "Douglas Development" or Gilchrist and Singer of "Union Kitchen". There's also a demographic of young people in DC who simply need to know that their city supports their developmental needs on their education journey. Young minds can still be developed outside of school hours. With so many gifted children in DC and with so much unfiltered and raw talent waiting for an opportunity to shine, why not offer programs and activities to nurture these young</p>	Ashleigh Taylor, Leckie Elementary School

		<p>minds. Why not offer an alternative? Why not give these young minds a chance to thrive?</p> <p>Question: PAVE, along with our partners DCAYA and DCFIP, has done the research analysis and found that it will take at LEAST \$25m to create these programs for dc youth and the need for OST programming and youth development. Will you champion on behalf of our youth and request the \$25m needed? Isn't it worth the investment?</p>	
9:46am – 10:00am	<i>Closing and Group Photo</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>If the questions end early, open the room to additional questions.</i> • Thank Councilmember White for having us and parents for attending. • Ask Councilmember White how PAVE parents can continue to learn more about his priorities and review next steps – and ask him to support our request for \$25mil for OST programs with his colleagues on the Council and in the Mayor’s Office. • Take a group photo with the Councilmember 	Anise Walker, Meeting Chair