

// A special joint meeting of the Council of the City of Lynchburg and Lynchburg City School Board was held on the 7th day of February, 2017, at 5:30 P.M. in the Lynchburg Public Library, Community Room, Joan Foster, President, presiding. The following Members were present:

Present: Dolan, Helgeson, Nelson, Perrow, Tweedy, Wilder, Foster

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Absent:

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// Mayor Foster and School Board Chair Dr. Michael Nilles welcomed everyone to the Lynchburg City School Board and City Council joint meeting.

// City Manager Bonnie Svrcek provided information on the feedback from Situational Analysis.

// Superintendent Dr. Scott Brabrand provided information on the following items:

- Explain why we are here
- Measures of Success
 - o Participants are engaged and transparent during the session
 - o Collaboration of the participants resulting in a minimum of one concrete item to tackle the achievement gap

// Facilitator Gloria Witt provided an overview of the roles and responsibilities:

- Explain the role of the facilitator, sponsors and participants
- Housekeeping ground rules
- Role of the Facilitator
 - o Focus on the “process”
 - o Focus on the ‘people’ – everyone leaves whole
- Role of the Participants
 - o Respect the speaker
 - o Respect differences
 - o No idea is a dumb idea
 - o Be here and present – open and honest discussion
- Role of City Manager and Superintendent
 - o Provide clarifications, as appropriate
 - o Act as observers

// Ice Breaker – Sum of the Whole - If you were a car part, what part of the car would you be? Why did you select that particular part? Each participant provided a car part and stated why they had chosen that part of a car. They learned the awareness of personality differences.

// Reimagine the Achievement Gap Challenge:

- Share the graphic of Programs
- Round 1: From your perspective, what can help accelerate the narrowing of the achievement gap?
- Round 2: Identify action steps that can be taken to get the idea in motion? (Financial, Internal Processes, Students, Staff, Teachers, Principals)

Round 3: Identify any community partners or resources to help

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- Round 4: Identify an Owner to execute the idea. Establish a completion date.

// Close-Out

- Solicit feedback on the experience
- Decide on Next Steps

// The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Clerk of Council