

Children's Cabinet Meeting (9/20/18): PHB West Reading Room- 33 Attendees

Governor's Children's Cabinet
Nutrition and Food Security Work Group
Patrick Henry Building, West Reading Room
September 20; 2:00 – 4:00PM
Draft Minutes

Members present:

Omari Al-Qadaffi
Seth Benton
Salaam Bhatti
Maureen McNamara Best
Justine Blinco
Elizabeth Borst
Arthur Burton
Sandy Curwood
Paula Garrett
Andrea Gregg
Trista Grigsby
Ed Jones
Emily Keenum
Marty Kilgore
Meredith Ledlie
Claire Mansfield
Rose Mastracco
Melissa Peeler
Kelly Pious
Elizabeth Rowe
Sally Schwitters
Bill Scruggs
Mary Dunne Stewart
Sandy Stokes
Olivia Wilson
Kelly Wright

The second meeting of the Governor's Children's Cabinet Nutrition and Food Security work group was held on September 20th, 2018 and began at 2:00PM.

Heidi Hertz opened the meeting and welcomed all attendees. She restated the goals of the work group and the structure of the Governor's Children's Cabinet.

Meeting attendees introduced themselves and shared their organization name and their title within the organization.

Dr. Sandy Curwood, Director, Office of School Nutrition Programs with the Virginia Department of Education introduced the Secretary of Education, Atif Qarni. She provided a brief bio of Secretary

Qarni's leadership, education and appointment. She expressed his strong commitment to education and his support pertaining to healthy school environments.

Secretary Qarni provided welcoming remarks and shared that he has visited several schools with breakfast programs and breakfast after the bell and encouraged the work group to look for strategies to focus on children throughout the year. He concluded by thanking VDOE for their efforts to improve school nutrition.

Heidi provided updates on the Governor's Children's Cabinet, new data related to food security, and the work group's FeedVA Day of Action celebration.

The work group member approved the Minutes from the July 25th, 2018 meeting.

The meeting attendees self-selected into three groups to discuss the focus areas for the nutrition and food security work group. For each goal, the small group discussed strategies to reach those goals. The members also identified which Secretariats and agencies would be involved in the implementation of the strategies and potential role for the Children's Cabinet.

Each small group reported out to the larger work group the discussions and recommendations for initial next steps.

The work group recommended presenting items from their discussions to the Children's Cabinet during their next meeting.

The meeting concluded at 3:56PM.