Dr. Witherspoon called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m. He welcomed everyone and introduced those in attendance. 

1. Approval of September 10, 2013 and October 10, 2013 Minutes 
The September 10, 2013 and October 10, 2013 minutes were approved. Dr. Witherspoon said that while the Committee usually meets three times per year, additional meetings were added this year. Ms. Grover moved approval of the minutes and Ms. Chow seconded the motion.

2. Safe School Zone Update: How ETHS is using the Safe School Zone to protect students in the community 
Mr. Pettineo defined what a Safe School Zone is and how District 202 invoked its regulation on February 4, 2014 during a gang altercation outside of the High School. He gave details about what occurred and how ultimately the members of the gang were notified that they were in a Safe School Zone and had to leave. This same gang dispute continued the next day in a
different location with serious consequences. Dr. Witherspoon added that so far the District has only had to invoke the Safe School Zone once this school year but will continue to use it as it gives school personnel the authority to keep kids moving after school.

3. Community-wide Reading and Literacy Goal
Dr. Witherspoon stated that both District 65 and District 202 are working on a Joint Reading and Literacy Goal. Dr. Bavis gave an update on the Goal and said that Mr. Scott Bramley, the English Department Chair for District 202 will work closely with all the department chairs to focus on curriculum and coordinate efforts with District 65. Several teachers will be attending an Illinois Reading Conference during spring break which will also aid in drafting the Goal. Ms. Hiller said that District 65 will be working with the McGaw YMCA on reading over the summer. Ms. Lyons said the Library will support the schools in any way they can and are looking forward to working together.

4. District 65 Superintendent Search Update
Ms. Garrison announced that District 65 anticipates appointing Dr. Paul Goren as the new Superintendent for District 65. She said that the process was extremely fulfilling for the School Board and that tremendous input was received from the community.

5. Cradle to Career: Unified support for funding and mobilizing our community around major issues affecting outcomes for Evanston youth ages birth to 23
Dr. Witherspoon gave an update on the progress that the Cradle to Career Collective Impact Initiative is making and said there will be a big meeting on Friday, March 28 in N112 at 9:00 a.m. and all are invited. Dr. Witherspoon stated that sizable contributions from the three main entities in Evanston; District 202, District 65, and the City of Evanston, will be helpful and necessary. Many organizations have already made financial pledges. Year one of the initiative will be dedicated to just getting the initiative off the ground. Mr. Bobkiewicz asked if Northwestern University would be involved. Dr. Witherspoon responded that it would be great if they did. Mr. McRae stated that the Mayor will be having a meeting about Cradle to Career in April. Dr. Witherspoon noted that the primary goal of the meeting tomorrow is to expand the group and then have a call to action. He said that they have been presenting to organizations and have received several commitments to join. He is hoping everyone signs on by June 30. Then there will be a steering committee will begin in July.

6. Geometry in Construction Project Status
Dr. Bavis provided an update on Geometry in Construction at ETHS. Dr. Bavis stated “we’re building a house and the City is giving us a lot!” The house which has three bedrooms, two bathrooms and is 1500 square feet had 60% of its interior completed inside of the ETHS workshop. Students have completed interior and exterior walls. Many Community Build Days were scheduled for this project and there is even a website to view progress. Dr. Bavis said it has been a great experience for everyone involved.

Ms. Grover asked if there is a commitment to do this next year and Dr. Witherspoon said yes, a new house will be built next year. A ribbon-cutting ceremony will be scheduled upon completion.
7. **Aaa Bond Rating**
Dr. Witherspoon said that District 202 will be selling 3.1 million in bonds and that the District was able to get a Aaa rating. He commended Mr. Stafford, Chief Financial Officer.

8. **Summer School Enrollment Trends**
Dr. Bavis said that District 202 does not have current summer school enrollment data because it is still taking registrations. The district usually received approximately 1,000 registrations. The very popular courses are Access ETHS, 1 Art, Prep to 1 Humanities and Drivers Education. It is a robust summer school that runs concurrently with many other summer programs. Ms. Grover stated that one could almost declare ETHS a year-round school. Dr. Witherspoon responded in the affirmative. Dr. Bavis said that many students take summer courses to get their requirements out of the way, get their feet wet or make up credits but that usually it is to get ahead. Ms. Grover asked if there are tuition breaks for those that cannot afford summer school. Dr. Witherspoon said yes. Mr. Bobkiewicz asked how large is the summer school compared to other districts? Dr. Witherspoon responded that it is exponentially larger because of its high demand. Mr. Brown added that the City was able to create some part-time employment thanks to grant awards and there is a low overlap with kids working and attending summer school.

9. **FAN Partnership**
Dr. Witherspoon announced that ETHS and District 65 are now partners with the Family Action Network, or FAN. This group started in the North Shore community and brings in astonishing speakers for at no cost to attend. One of the speakers obtained recently through FAN was the author, Ishmael Beah. ETHS hosted the event which drew a very large crowd. The next scheduled speaker is author Carol Dweck on May 9 and we anticipate an even larger group. She is only making two public appearances this year and Evanston is one of them. She will also incorporate a book signing into the evening.

10. **Street Cleaning Schedules**
Ms. Hiller said that the District is very appreciative of the help the City has provided with salt and snow plowing during the horrendous winter. She asked about street parking during snow falls and street cleaning as it is difficult for staff to find parking. Mr. Bobkiewicz introduced Jim Maiwor, Assistant Director of Public Works to explain the process. He said if they could get a list of which schools are affected, then they can build a schedule around it. Their crew starts at 4:00 a.m. and can accommodate adjusting the schedule. Mr. Bobkiewicz said street cleaning starts on April 1 and said that schedules are available as well at text notification.

11. **Traffic signs for alleys near schools**
Ms. Hiller said that there is difficulty with drivers driving through alleys and one way streets near schools. Mr. Maiwor said that he could coordinate with the enforcement department to try to reduce these instances. Ms. Hiller will work with the City on this issue.

12. **Summer Youth Employment Program Update**
Mr. McRae introduced Mr. Kevin Brown. Mr. Brown thanked Dr. Witherspoon for allowing the Summer Youth Employment Program on April 19 to be held at ETHS. He said employment positions increased from 145 to 345. The goal was to get 500 but they are getting a good
response. He added that the SYEP partnered with the YJC that is at ETHS and had a training session for students on April 2 and 16. These sessions provide interviewing skills and how to dress professionally. Mr. Bobkiewicz said that the City's goal is a year round engagement program with kids ages 18-25 and looking at other ways to partner with employers. He thanked both school districts for being great partners. A discussion was held on outreach workers in the community. Mr. Brown said that they are trying to reach the disengaged young people to engage them and make special connections. Mr. Bobkiewicz said that the City is looking at the hiring process for these employees but currently they are working out tremendously. Mr. Brown said that the City has a website (www.youngevanston.com) where testimonials and thank you letters are posted about the program.

13. Summer Camp Starting Dates
Mr. McRae said that summer camps will begin on June 11 due to snow days. The camps will start in alternate centers then go to the schools on June 16. Mr. McRae thanked the schools for their collaboration.

14. Status of School Crossing Guard Program
Mr. Bobkiewicz said that the school crossing guard program continues although there have been some issues with a few members of the City Council. Ms. Grover said the city hires more than 45 crossing guards to cover the busiest intersections. The issue will be discussed with the new leadership at District 65, once they are in place.

15. City Education Committee Mission
Mr. Drame said that the City Education Committee has had one meeting and essentially is trying line up educational programs to employment, with ETHS and Oakton Community College. Mr. Brown said there is an effort to create more synergy and partnership with the City of Evanston and Oakton Community College.

16. Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Next Meeting
May 8, 2014 at District 65

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