

ACE Meeting Minutes

The purpose of the Advisory Council for Education is to provide a systematic representative public involvement in educational decisions under consideration by the Board of Directors.

Monday, June 4, 2018
6:00-7:30 p.m.

Call to order

Mary Levesque called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m.

Members Present

Ryan Barci, Sarah Blake, Arianne Blackburn, Kathy Ehman, Natalie Hollifield, Sheri Kelly, Mary Levesque, Kimberly Meno, Hanna Novy, Gary Sabol, Chrys Sweeting

Members Absent

Maggie Bagwell, Linda Bollinger, Sarah Cofer, Lisa Coghill, Angie Donaldson, Jen Fuller, Yvonne Gallardo-Van Ornam, Cindy Glunt, Pedro Gonzales, Jillian Gooding, Lauren Hunter, Ryan Johnson, Joy Johnson, David Mathieson, Cheryl McGuire, Casey Miller, Virginia Muniz, Jomo Simpkins, Matt Washburn

Approve minutes

Sarah Blake made a motion to the approve the May 7 minutes. Hanna Novy seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by voice vote.

Discipline Update

Kathy Ehman, Assistant Superintendent, provide the committee with a discipline update. She talked about HB 5141. If a student is suspended, the district still has to provide educational services to the student. The discipline policy is disseminated in student handbooks.

Kimberly Meno asked if in-school suspension count? Kathy said yes and no. If students still have access, it doesn't count against the school. They just need to have access to the materials.

There were 370 fewer occurrences this year. We had more students but fewer episodes. Overall, 12 percent had some sort of discipline. It's 4 to 16 percent among the buildings.

Ryan indicated that Eagle Creek had a low number of kids suspended. When school started, they had about a dozen kids. They try to arrange a place for kids to go if they're dysregulated. Referrals are down. They have a primary version of a debrief document. When the kids come down to the office, they have to make it right first. At K-1, they draw pictures. Older grades reflect on what choice did they make, what should they make, and how are they going to make it right? Ryan feels like that has created more of a conversation. Sometimes leads to a referral.

Restorative Circles- Some kids get really physical at recess, use restorative circle, talking stick, chance to speak, common theme is they need to find a way to make it right. Need to have a plan in place. It's a lot of work, not easy, it's a process.

At Weston, there are no out of school suspensions. Every week, Weston has a school wide restorative circle. It's important that the students are in school. Teachers can run circles as well.

Incidents reduced by about a quarter districtwide

Restorative Practices- These will be part of the Summer Academy offerings.

Kent Prairie - Love and Logic school, parents more involved in the process, element of support for student.

Kathy indicated that in 2016, there was a prohibition for isolation and restraint. This relates to IEPs and general education kids. There are rigid regulations around kids who are restrained. A form needs to be filled out and all data needs to be reported to OSPI.

Review ACE meeting schedule for 2018-19

Sept. 26- Gary Howard's Presentation
Nov. 5
Dec. 3
Jan. 7
Feb. 4
March 4
April 8
May 6
June 3

Proposed Topics for 2018-19

Equity and diversity, culturally responsive
Start Times
Extended Day- year long, 7 periods like Bellingham
Comprehensive Schools (Patty Wood), fully competency based schools
Update on how district is funded- Gina (November)
Mental Health
School Safety
More options for 8th graders for options based classes- 24 credit
Open registration- based on enrollment, some kids told no to some classes, Duane, new credit options, drivers ed for credit. Credit for SBA. Credit for history in 8th grade. Credit for PE from 8th grade, credit for sports? PE waivers.
Late start
After school care- keeping kids busy and out of trouble, boys and girls club speaker?

Debrief- May 23

Mary and Natalie attended the Equity conference
Don't force it on everyone, counseling department went around the school, tried to make it more inclusive, culturally diverse, book club

Student Advisors

The student advisors were recognized for their service.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7 p.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, Sept. 26.