

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.

March 4, 2019
6:00-7:30 p.m.

Call to order – 6 p.m.

Members Present

Maggie Bagwell, Laura Bailey, Sarah Cofer, Erika Cohill, Kari Henderson-Burke, Judy Fay, Jen Fuller, Faith Holden, Natalie Hollifield, Sheri Kelly, Brittany Kleinman, Mary Levesque, Pearl McInally, Kimberly Meno, Kirahy Meyers, Will Nelson, Gary Sabol, Chrys Sweeting

Guests Present

Brian Long

Approve minutes

Jen Fuller made a motion to approve the Jan. 7, 2019 meeting minutes. Maggie Bagwell seconded. The minutes were approved by voice vote.

School Schedules

The committee reviewed various school schedules. The committee narrowed the focus to the following:

1. School Year Schedule- Year Round
2. Secondary starting later (daily schedule)
 - MS and HS, need extra sleep, seeing good results, help with test scores, absenteeism
 - Kids have chance to eat breakfast, less tardiness
 - Sleeping longer, eating
3. Early Dismissals for Teacher PD
 - Change scope and sequence for teachers (especially if class structure)
4. Class Structure (7 or 8 periods)
 - Some middle schoolers are stressed about graduating from high school
 - Seven periods in middle school as an example

Dr. Sweeting asked the committee to break into small groups and decide which schedules are most important to the committee. The committee decided to focus on secondary schools starting later and adding seven or eight periods to the class day.

Equity and Cultural Competence

Arlington Public Schools was asked to present at an equity conference. They would like us to share what the ACE committee has researched. Mary, Natalie, Voni, Chrys, and will attend the conference on May 22. The title is "In Pursuit of Equity." The presenters will share what ACE is doing in this area.

Other conferences include *Equity Leaders*, *Cultures Connecting* on April 12 and *Step Up* at the Lynnwood Conference Center on April 26.

Jen, Will, Chrys and the student advisors shared stories talked about the equity circle they engaged in. They talked about having a culture of either having a sense of belonging in school or not belonging in school. They appreciated the honesty and that the stories were real.

Equity Beliefs

- Access- how can we give access to all students
- Respect- do students feel respected at school, representation, does everyone look like you?
- Belonging- Connection, Relationships

Naviance/College Career Readiness

Brian Long- Director of College and Career Readiness

Defining Success

- College for all?
- How do you prepare for the world of work?
- Counselors de-emphasize college
- Employ, Enroll, Enlist
- Enlisting in the military is an outstanding option for many students

Areas of Influence

- CTE, Counseling, McKinney-Vento
- CTE- Program (Courses), Work-Based Learning, Career & Technical Student Organizations (CTSO's)
- Counseling- manage the counselors, help students plan for the future
- McKinney-Vento- Homeless Students 75%- share housing with others, 16%- shelters, 9% somewhere else, Transportation to and from school

Closing the Gap

- Naviance- Online platform to help our students understand careers to help them get to where they want to go
- Career Exploration
- High School and Beyond Plan- We want students going somewhere with intention, students can take interest surveys
- Kids gave feedback on Naviance- You just need to take the lesson, how to motivate kids, counselors check to make sure kids are doing it.
- Parents- all parents have access to Naviance

Closing

Kimberly made a motion, seconded by Sheri to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Next Meeting: Monday, April 8