

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.

Sept. 16, 2019
6:00-7:30 p.m.

Members Present

Ali Amezcua, Laura Bailey, Terrie Bertrand, Sarah Blake, Erika Coghill, Kari Henderson-Burke, Judy Fay, Jen Fuller, Bentley Griffith, Faith Holden, Natalie Hollifield, Sheri Kelly, Brittany Kleinman, Mary Levesque, Will Nelson, Gary Sabol, Chrys Sweeting

Call to order

Erika Coghill called the meeting to order at 6:13 p.m.

Review Schedule

Erika reviewed with the committee the schedule for the year.

Approve minutes

Mary Levesque made a motion, seconded by Sheri Kelly, to approve the June 3 meeting minutes. The minutes were approved by voice vote.

Teambuilding Activity

Kari Henderson-Burke led the committee through a teambuilding activity. Committee members wrote down items about themselves, made a paper airplane, and threw it toward the middle of the room. Committee members picked up the airplanes and talked about the other person.

Presentation to Board

Dr. Sweeting talked about the ACE presentation to the board in June. ACE provides an update to the board on an annual basis. The committee recommended:

- That the District explores and strongly considers a later start time for secondary schools beginning 2020-21 or when logistics can be addressed;
- That the District explores and considers a different structure for staff professional development such as late arrival or early dismissal every week or every other week, similar to surrounding districts;
- That the ACE continues researching different class period structures such as a seven periods or block schedules to increase learning opportunities for students and assist with meeting the 24 credit requirement; and
- That the District finalizes an Equity Policy using the draft document created by the ACE Committee and move that policy forward for Board consideration and approval. In addition, that an action plan/procedure be developed during 2019-20 to support the Equity Policy.

Equity Policy

Will Nelson reviewed a draft equity policy with the committee. The policy number is important. It will be in the zero series. The zero series would be for overarching policies like the strategic plan, norms, etc.

Sheri Kelly asked how the policy will be distributed to parents and the community. Will mentioned that there will be an equity conference in the spring. Dr. Sweeting asked that students be engaged in "rich"

teaching. She would like this added to the equity policy. Shari suggested changing “providing” to “engaging.”

Equity Activity

Will Nelson handed out an equity article for the committee to review. Each committee member underlined a part that resonated with them. Committee members got into groups and explained why they underlined them.

Some observations from the article:

- Terrie Bertrand commented on the teacher who let go of his arm and didn't apologize. She said this is wrong on every level. This is someone you have to work with.
- Natalie Hollifield said it's important to be empathetic with students.
- Ali Amezcua said the panelist was struggling with the interview. We all have our own biases that are unique to us
- Faith Holden said it reflect on our beliefs. You have to see where the person is coming from and know what background they come from.
- Judy Fay said being judgmental is a struggle for all of us. We need to make a connection with that person. Many times we don't take the time to make that connection.

Check in

Committee members reviewed the survey results. Topics included a math emphasis update, results of schedule changes at schools, procedures and actions for the equity policy, awareness of global warming, Safe Visitor update, and length of time students have to eat lunch.

Faith wanted the committee to be aware of the band car wash on Saturday, Sept. 28.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Next Meeting: Monday, Oct. 7