

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.

Dec. 2, 2019
6:00-7:30 p.m.

Members Present

Ali Amezcua, Sarah Blake, Erika Coghill, Kari Henderson-Burke, Jen Fuller, Faith Holden, Brittany Kleinman, Mary Levesque, Will Nelson, Gary Sabol, Chrys Sweeting

Guest Present

Gina Zeutenhort, Eric DeJong

Call to order- 7:00 p.m.

Approve Minutes

Judy Fay made a motion, seconded by Britt Kleinman, to approve the Nov. 4 meeting minutes. The minutes were approved by voice vote.

Ignitor Task

Will Nelson led the group in an activity to show the distribution of wealth. The committee split into teams to determine the distribution. 5 macaroni .01 percent of the wealth goes to the poorest fifth, 10 macaroni noodles to the second group, 55 noodles to the third group, 500 noodles, The richest have 4,000 macaroni noodles. 90 percent of world's wealth resides with the top fifth.

Sexual Harassment Policy, annual review and report

Eric DeJong, Executive Director of Human Resources

Eric DeJong provided an annual review of the district's sexual harassment policy.

Sexual harassment is:

1. Unwelcome Conduct or communication
2. Sexual in nature
3. Creates a hostile environment

If an employee knows about sexual harassment, we have a duty to report it.

When are we on notice? It depends on if we knew or should have known.

Eric talked about the number of incidents and the formal and informal sexual harassment complaint process.

Mary asked if complaints can be reported via the SafeSchools Alert tipline. Eric confirmed that they can be reported this way.

Equity and Cultural Competence

Will shared a video with the committee. The video reflected on the power of your own voice. In our position, we can't stay silent. We have to speak up for those who can't speak up for themselves.

The equity policy has been approved. Now what?

Gender equity. Make sure teachers and other staff are involved. Could we change curriculum? Referred to Mukilteo's and Northshore's equity plan. SPED and transgender kids.

Will look at Edmonds, Mukilteo's and Northshore's plans.

2020 Levies and Bond Presentation

Chrys and Gina talked about the three measures.

1. Renew Educational Programs and Operations Levy (EP&O)
 - Continues critical day-to-day operations not funded by the state including teachers, paraeducators, counselors, nurses, and other staff who support Arlington students
 - Funds technology, instructional materials, and activities such as robotics, band, choir, drama and athletics
 - Replaces an expiring levy
 - New levy would expire end of 202
2. Capital Levy
 - Funds safety and security improvements for every school in the district
 - Ensures modern learning spaces to prepare students for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) career fields
 - Builds additional classrooms to reduce crowding and adds science and art space for students at Arlington High School
 - Capital Levy expires end of 2025
3. Post Middle School Bond
 - Builds a safe and secure Post Middle School
 - Ensures Post Middle School students have access to comprehensive educational facilities equal to other schools in the district
 - Provides a modern, energy-efficient building that reduces operating costs
 - Bond paid off in 2040

They referred to a chart that showed what it would cost taxpayers.

Will add a statement to the flyer: Want to learn more about the updates at your child's school?

Is McCleary addressed on the website somewhere? Also talk about being conservative with our rate.

Check In Survey Results

- PD, Late start- trying to find a time to meet
- Secret Service- Would like to have Brian here to address this- Add safety update to the schedule for this year, discussing about mental health assistance

Next Meeting, Monday, Jan. 6, 2020