

## 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.*

**Oct. 6, 2022**  
**6:00-7:30 p.m.**

### **Members Present**

Sarah Blake, Erika Coghill, Judy Fay, Morigan Havelly, Kerri Helgeson, Kari Henderson-Burke, Lauren Hunter, Ryan Johnson, Britt Kleinman, Erica Knapp, Mary Levesque, Karri Marsh, Kimberly Meno, Gary Sabol, Chrys Sweeting, Ava Wolfe

### **Guest Present**

Gina Zeutenhorst

### **Call to Order**

6:00 p.m.

### **Approve Minutes**

Chrys Sweeting made a motion, seconded by Kimberly Meno, to approve the Sept. 15 meeting minutes. The minutes were approved by vo

### **Review Roster**

The committee reviewed the ACE roster. Chrys Sweeting and Gary Sabol will fill in any gaps on the roster.

### **Small Group Activity**

1. Share one positive example of supporting student learning and/or belonging that you have observed or experienced in our schools.
2. Share one question or wondering about the District's current and future financial status.
  - It's great that the schools have spirit wear. It helps the students feel they belong and are proud of their school.
  - We know we're going to be short with the budget. What are we doing about it? There is growth in the area and we are planning for the future. Post needs to be replaced and there's a possibility of a new elementary in the future.
  - Becoming a more green school district, anything in plan financially for that? There has been some progress on making our schools more green.
  - Need for discussing mental health, everyone feeling included

- Accommodations are being made for students
- Student leadership team at SVLC, met today, frankness and advocacy
- Budget- how do we plan for the future when support from the state is not enough?
- How do we move forward with the budget?
- Review of all money we received during COVID
- Population of students going up in certain places
- Effort at all elementary schools saying hello to everyone

### **Budget Update**

Executive Director of Finance, Gina Zeutenhorst, addressed the following area with ACE members:

- How is our budget divided?
- Where does our funding come from?
- How is the money distributed? How is it used? What do we spend money on?
- General Fund Budget Comparative Summary
- Other Funds Budget Comparative Summary

ACE members asked how we compare to local districts. Other local districts are having to reduce as well. They also asked if there was someone on staff that looks for additional grant money. Gina affirmed this.

### **Plans**

- Charter for budget advisory task force, put out information about this, people can apply for task force
- Learn more about the challenge and grapple with priorities, get feedback from community
- Three public forums that the whole community is invited to in January, February, and April
- Goal is to educate people as to where we're at
- Maintain excellence we have for our kids

### **District Informational Update**

Community voices is coming up on Oct. 27. Everyone is invited to attend.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Next meeting: Thursday, Nov. 3 at 6 p.m.