

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.

Nov. 3, 2022
6:00-7:30 p.m.

Members Present

Alyssa Acosta, Sarah Blake, Grant Cramer, Judy Fay, Morigan Havelly, Nichole Henderson, Kerri Helgeson, Kari Henderson-Burke, Megan Hodgson, Britt Kleinman, Erica Knapp, Mary Levesque, Karrie Marsh, Anne McAlvey, Kari Pendray, Gary Sabol, Chrys Sweeting

Guest Present

Matt Jurick

Call to Order

6:02 p.m.

Approve Minutes

Judy Fay made a motion, seconded by Erika Knapp, to approve the Oct. 6 meeting minutes. The minutes were approved by voice vote.

New member introduction

Megan Hodgson was introduced as a representative for Presidents Elementary.

Discipline Policy Review

Kerri Helgeson, Director of Equity and Student Well Being, reviewed the Discipline Policy with the committee. The District discipline policy and procedure is designed to provide students with a safe, healthy, and educationally sound environment.

Purpose

- Engage with all stakeholders when issuing discipline
- Support students in meeting behavioral expectations
- Provide educational services
- Ensure fairness, equity and due process
- Implement culturally responsive discipline
- Provide a safe environment for all students and district employees

What we must do

- District will periodically review policy and procedure with the participation of school personnel, parents, families, and the community

- District will use disaggregated data to monitor the impact of student discipline practices.
- District will make the current version of this policy and procedure available to families and the community.

Discipline Data

- Discipline data will be part of equity audit and will be disaggregated by:
 - School
 - Student groups, including by gender, grade level, race/ethnicity, low-income, English language learner, special education, 504, foster care and homeless
 - Behavioral violations
 - Discipline types, including classroom exclusion, in-school suspension, short-term suspension, long-term suspension, emergency expulsion, and expulsion

Types of Discipline

- Classroom exclusion
- In-school suspension
- Short-term suspension
- Long-term suspension
- Emergency expulsion
- Expulsion

What we are seeing

- More behavior incidents at all levels
- Increase in student threat assessments
- Increase in nicotine and marijuana use
- More meltdowns and lack of coping mechanisms (stress window is small)

How we are responding

- Social-emotional curriculum
- Mental Health Counselors in almost every building
- Student Support Advocates
- Campus Monitors at Post/AHS
- CARE team at elementary schools
- School Resource Officer
- Student Threat Assessments

Mental Health Attendance Data

Elementary

Total # of students: 15

Total # of students with less than 5 excused absences: 15

Total # of students with more than 5 excused absences: 0

Middle School

Total # of students: 26

Total # of students with less than 5 excused absences: 19

Total # of students with more than 5 excused absences: 7

High School

Total # of students: 50

Total # of students with less than 5 excused absences: 38

Total # of students with more than 5 excused absences: 12

How are we responding?

- Mental Health Absence Report
- Mental health counselors in most buildings
- Telehealth counselor for AHS
- Referral to Student Support Advocate

Technology Update

Matt Jurick, the new Director of Technology, introduced himself to the committee and provided an overview the technology department.

The department is auditing servers, core network infrastructure (switches, firewalls, WAPs, UPS, fiber, copper), District policies and procedures, IdM and account provisioning, SaaS (MDM, helpdesk, EPP, etc.), VoIP and intercom systems, 1:1 program across all grade levels, PACS and video security, document services, purchasing/acquisition practices, staffing assignments and responsibilities, and system stability and redundancy.

These are the areas of focus:

- servers out-of-date and under-resourced
- wireless network struggles to keep up with the thousands of new clients
- three competing IdPs/directories with
- 50+ downstream subdirs and SaaS
- phone system 10+ years old, single
- service technician
- devices manufactured during pandemic rapidly falling out of commission
- tens of thousands spent on DS
- hundreds of different makes/models of equipment to manage and support
- power flickers take buildings down regularly

Future planning

With TAC, develop next three-year DTP ("the roadmap")

- Assess educational needs for each grade level
- Design forward-thinking learning solutions

- Develop integrated professional learning opportunities
- Pursue alternative funding options
- Focus ongoing efforts through the lens of innovation

District Informational Update

Dr. Sweeting provided a district information update to the committee.

- Bridging School-to-Work event
- Fall Community Voices
- Clue play

Student Updates and Perspectives

Grant- Student Advisory Council is great, lots of student perspective, good to keep moving forward with that.

Alyssa- Nice to see what communities were being represented.

Morrigan- Nice to see the camaraderie; more people attended, very friendly and very open, nice to see the mission statement

Adjournment

Mary Levesque made a motion, seconded by Anne McAlvey to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

The next ACE meeting will be held on Thursday, Dec. 1 in-person in the Lincoln Room at the District Office.