

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.

Jan. 11, 2024
6:00-7:30 p.m.

Members Present

Erika Coghill, Grant Cramer, Megan Hodgson, Britt Kleinman, Mary Levesque, Karrie Marsh, Arissa Mathews, Cheryl McGuire, Hillary McGuire, Alex Pincus, Adrienne Pournadeali, Gary Sabol, Chrys Sweeting, Kiera Wilson

Guests Present

Andrea Hundredmark, Brian Long, Lisa Rodino

Call to Order

6:01 p.m.

Approval of meeting minutes

Anne McAlvey made a motion, seconded by Judy Fay, to approve the Dec. 7, 2023 minutes. The minutes were approved by voice vote.

District Updates

- Election Informational Campaign
- Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
- First Unified Basketball game at AHS tomorrow

Career and Technical Program Update

Brian Long and Lisa Rodino provided the ACE committee with an update on the Career and Technical Education program. OSPI and the State wants schools to have high-quality career-connected learning opportunities for students. Arlington has been and continues to explore ways to engage our students through our Career and Technical Education classes and bridge school to work. The goal for every student is to Enroll, Enlist or Employ.

CTE has guest speakers, field trips, career exploration, classroom presentations, career center presentations, and career preparation to help guide students.

Animal Assisted Interventions

Weston High School Principal Andrea Hundredmark talked with ACE about Animal Assisted Interventions. AAI can help with Universal Design for Learning and Variability, Trauma,

Attendance, Post-Covid Needs, Social-Emotional Support, Career Training Exposure, and provide Joy to students and staff!

Weston High School Student Feedback

- 88.9% of WHS students think it would be helpful to have AAI on campus
- Types of support that AAI could benefit students:
 - Grief/Loss –53.5%
 - Academic –34.9%
 - Social/Emotional –93%
 - Career Training –18.6%
- 61.4% want AAI availability on a full-time schedule
- 36.4% want AAI availability on a part-time schedule
- Ways that AAI could benefit students experience in school:
 - Focus/Attention–47.7%
 - Attendance –36.4%
 - Social/Emotional –86.4%
- Locations where AAI could benefit students experience at school:
 - Classroom –52.3%
 - Student Support Lab –50%
 - Counselor's Office –54.5%
 - Commons –84.1%

District Management of AAI

- Prior to principal approval
- Checklist of requirements and timelines
- Required certifications from established sources
- Participate with principal on animal purpose and goals
- If there is a problem or a concern

Student Voices

Students shared some updates on their schooling.

Closing

Anne McAlvey made a motion, seconded by Mary Levesque, to end the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Next meeting: Feb. 1, 2024