

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, March 14, 2023

The Community Engagement Committee met in the Board Room at the Administrative Center on Tuesday, March 14, 2023, was called to order at 3:32 p.m.

Physically Present: Margo Empen, Kathleen Schaefer, Amy Scott, Grace Shoemaker-Fenwick, Victoria Bowers, Jessica Meusel, Ryan Miller, Sarah Purlee, and Joey Sagel (arrived at 3:47 p.m.)

Electronically present: Jon Wadsworth

Absent: Mary Oros, Leah Kuehl, Gretchen Fulton, Donna Glover, Paula Johnson, Jean Spohn, Kent Sorenson, Suzanne Ravlin, and Deidre Thomas

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Amy Scott and seconded by Victoria Bowers, to approve the Jan. 17, 2023, meeting minutes. By voice vote, all were favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Social Emotional Learning Survey results

The results of the Social Emotional Learning survey were shared with committee members. The Committee viewed the data and provided comments. Comments/input provided: participation was good; struck by the number of comments about bullying from parents; there were a lot of worries about failing from students; discussion on what bullying really is; 25% of students didn't know where to go for help; comments on wanting teachers to provide more attention to students and wonder if parents' perception of what teachers do and how overwhelmed teachers are; benefit that this information can be shared with administration; and reading through the comments list, thought there were a lot of negative comments, but the percentage of positive comments out-weighted the negative.

Next steps

The Committee discussed what the next steps are in this process. First step - Mrs. Empen wants to acknowledge the people who took the survey and get a link out to the graphs.

Other suggestions were - take the results and make a list of resources; create a word cloud of the comments and categorize them. Mr. Wadsworth will work on finding the top comments in each categories, and then provide the resources linked to the words or comments. Mrs. Empen will work with Mr. Wadsworth on this. There was a list of resources that was started before the survey went out. Mrs. Empen suggested highlighting a topic each month and put it out on ThrillShare which is the District's live feed and social media platform.

There was a brief discussion on how the 5Essentials surveys are going. Mrs. Empen said it ends on March 31st, and that the District has met several thresholds and have a couple of more schools making the final push to get to their thresholds.

Set agenda for next meeting

Talk about the top 10 comments and the committee could divide up and discuss what topic they want to highlight each month.

SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Community Engagement Committee will be on Tues., May 16, 2023 at 3:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Amy Scott, and seconded by Ryan Miller, to adjourn at 4:20 p.m.

All were in favor.