

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. 5, 2018
6:00-7:30 p.m.

Call to order

Mary Levesque called the meeting to order at 6:13 p.m.

Members Present

Maggie Bagwell, Terrie Bertrand, Sarah Blake, Sarah Cofer, Erika Coghill, Judy Fay, Jen Fuller, Kerri Helgeson, Kari Henderson-Burke, Faith Holden, Natalie Hollifield, Lauren Hunter, Sherri Kelly, Brittany Kleinman, Mary Levesque, Pearl McNally, Kimberly Meno, Will Nelson, Gary Sabol, Chrys Sweeting

Members Absent

Angie Donnelson, Pedro Gonzales, Jillian Gooding, Bentley Griffith, Ryan Johnson, Kirahy Meyers, Casey Miller, Jomo Simpkins, Matt Washburn

Approve minutes

Maggie Bagwell made a motion to approve the Sept. 26 minutes. Jen Fuller seconded. The minutes were approved by voice vote.

School District Funding

Gina Zeutenhorst, Executive Director of Financial Services, gave a presentation on school district funding.

How is our budget divided?

It's divided into five funds: General Fund; ASB; Debt Service Fund; Capital Projects Fund and Transportation Vehicle Fund.

Where does our funding come from?

State dollars- 82%
Federal dollars- 3.5%
Local taxes- 12.2%
Other sources- 2.3%

How is the money distributed? How is it used? What do we spend money on?

Two basic factors determine how resources are allocated to schools:

- The number of students at the school, and
- The special needs of students, such as poverty, disabilities, and limited English language skills.

Most of the general fund pays to support student learning in four ways:

- Teaching and teaching support
- School administration
- Central administration
- Other support activities

How is the money used?

- Teaching and Teaching Support

- School Administration
- Central Administration
- Other Support Activities

What do we spend our money on?

- Salaries and Benefits
- Benefits
- Other expenses

Debrief time with Gary Howard's Deep Equity Presentation

Dr. Chrys Sweeting asked committee members to work on their Personal Action Commitments following the last ACE meeting with Gary Howard. Committee members split into groups to discuss their Personal Action Commitments. The groups shared some of their commitments with the other ACE members.

School Schedule Research Projects

Dr. Sweeting asked the committee to research school schedules in the area, region, and across the nation. ACE members volunteered to research these different areas and bring back information to the next ACE meeting.

Closing

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Next Meeting: Monday, Dec. 3