

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.

June 3, 2019
6:00-7:30 p.m.

Members Present

Laura Bailey, Terrie Bertrand, Sarah Blake, Kari Henderson-Burke, Judy Fay, Faith Holden, Sheri Kelley, Mary Levesque, Pearl McNally, Kimberly Meno, Will Nelson, Gary Sabol, Chrys Sweeting

Guests Present

Kathy Ehman, Brian Lewis

Call to order- 6 p.m.

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

Approve minutes

Sheri Kelley made a motion, seconded by Judy Fay, to approve the May 6 meeting minutes. The minutes were approved by voice vote.

Discipline Update

Kathy Ehman, Assistant Superintendent, provided the committee with a discipline update. Board policy states that we provide an annual update. She discussed where we are with discipline and isolation and restraint.

There have been some pretty significant changes to discipline law in the state. It's really a paradigm shift. The goal is to keep students in school. She provided the committee with a one-page summary of the changes from the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction.

The data shows that males were disciplined more than females and that special education students were disciplined more than their peers. She shared that we need to remedy disproportionality, be aware of adverse child experiences (ACES) in students, and come up with strategies to engage males more. Committee suggestions include more project-based learning and CTE classes.

Ms. Ehman gave a snapshot of the new discipline rules for next year:

- Best practices booklet, interventions for students, keep students in school, prevent pipeline to prison, keep them on a good track.
- Before student suspended or expelled, teacher has to demonstrate that they've done other interventions.
- If family disagrees, they can have an informal meeting with administrator and then appeal process.
- Classroom exclusions are also included, parents need to be notified if child is excluded from instruction.
- Training for staff at district kickoff day.
- Guns or weapons, gang activity, HIB, students or building in jeopardy- emergency expulsion only in these instances.
- Students at the k-4 level cannot be expelled.

Elementary- In-School Suspension- 13 highest, lowest was zero, out of school- 13, low 3 or 4
Secondary- In-School Suspension - out of school- HMS- 10, PMS 20, AHS 49, WHS

Isolation and Restraint

Special Education- needs to be written in the plan, only hands on in emergency situation, only two general ed students were restrained, 26 SPED students had emergency response protocols, huge decreases in incidents, fewer kids are hands on. Ms. Ehman believes they will continue to see a decrease next year.

ACE Presentation to Board

Annual report from ACE to the board. Everything we do in ACE aligns with the strategic plan, remind board about scope of work, we're a committee commissioned by them, go over charter with the board.

- Listing of topics from this year
- Research and Engagements

Potential for next year- continue with equity work and look at school schedules

Family engagement- how do we engage families?

Recommendations to the board

1. Strong consider the district adopts
2. Encourage district to consider different structure for staff pd
3. ACE continue researching different class period structures
4. Consider and adopt an equity policy and action plan to support the policy

Equity Work

A number of ACE members provided feedback from the equity conference they attended. They said there was a good keynote speaker. The speaker talked about how important it is for each student to feel cared for. Relationship building is important. The ACE reps attended different sessions and also presented at the conference.

Equity Policy

Will handed out the draft equity policy which the committee reviewed. There was discussion about changing the intro. Dr. Sweeting suggested breaking up the first paragraph.

- Include our definition of what equity is. Maybe call it out?
- Will staff be trained on this? Summer Academy will have a session on culturally responsive practices.

We next would need to work on a procedure for this policy.

Review ACE leadership and meeting schedule for 2019-20

Erica Coghill- Chair

Sarah Blake- Vice Chair

Kimberly Meno made a motion, seconded by Sheri Kelley, to approve the 2019-20 ACE leadership and meeting schedule. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Proposed topics for 2019-20

- More time to eat lunch? It has to do with equity. Quality of lunch. Have Ed give presentation
- Every school has their own slogan/motto, what their emphasis is for this year, could ask at Leadership Academy, their own school culture

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Next Meeting: Monday, Sept. 16