

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.

March 1, 2021
6:00-7:30 p.m.

Members Present

Ali Amezcua, Sarah Blake, Sarah Cofer, Erika Coghill, Autumn Engels, Judy Fay, Kari Henderson-Burke, Lauren Hunter, Mary Levesque, Anne McAlvey, Will Nelson, Kari Pendray, Gary Sabol, Chrys Sweeting, Sophie Willis

Guests Present

Krissa Cramer, Brian Lewis

Call to order: 6:01 p.m.

Approve Minutes

Will Nelson made a motion, seconded by Kari Henderson-Burke, to approve the Feb. 1 meeting minutes. The minutes were approved by voice vote.

District Updates

Dr. Sweeting shared the following:

- WESCO opened up for certain sports
- Classified Employee Week is next week
- Submitted a revised reopening plan

Reopening Update

Dr. Sweeting shared an update from the Snohomish Health District. The recommendations for schools remain the same. The weekly meetings from the health district are changing to bi-weekly meetings on March 2.

Brian Lewis shared information on keeping safe and healthy at school and work. He talked about the daily health screenings that are taking place at schools and the daily attestations among students and staff. These screenings, along with temp checks, universal masking, hand hygiene, physical distancing and staying home if you don't feel well, are having a positive impact in keeping case counts down in our schools.

Krissa Cramer shared health metrics with the committee. Infection rates and hospitalizations continue to drop across the county among all age groups. She also shared case counts in our schools.

Kari Henderson-Burke provided an update on how the P-5 hybrid learning is going at the schools.

ACE Menti Feedback

Dr. Sweeting shared information about the ACE Menti feedback on reopening schools that was received

at the last meeting.

Under the category on "What's working well," students are really good about wearing masks, teachers are working hard to keep students safe, and clear communication about the plan.

Under the category of "What are the barriers to reopening schools," answer included "None," busing, taking masks off to eat and limited space in buildings makes it hard for students to eat.

Regarding "What additional questions and thoughts do you have," answers included a community approach to reopening, process for closing if there's an outbreak, and praise that ASD has been leading the way in getting students back in school.

Equity Updates

Will Nelson provided an equity update to the committee. He is receiving input on the district's draft equity plan. He hopes to bring it back to the committee in April or May.

Why do we do equity work?

- If the school supports every child, there has to be equity in the picture
- It's the right thing to do
- So all students feel a sense of belonging which leads to self confidence which leads to self efficacy.

Will showed state data- ELA, Math, Science

- Groups of color seem to have lower scores than others
- ELA tests are higher than math or science
- Students of color have lower scores overall than other groups

Graduation

- Gender X and Native American graduation rates are low compared to others

Agreements about Courageous Conversation about Race- Glenn Singleton

- 1) Stay engaged
- 2) Speak your truth
- 3) Experience discomfort
- 4) Expect and accept non closure

Courageous Conversation Compass- Soul, Head, Relational/Acting, Emotional Reaction

Student Advisors shared their concerns about going back to school

- Students wearing gators- Ali
- Students not wearing masks- Autumn
- Excited but uncertain as to what to expect- Sophie

Next Meeting, Monday, April 19, 2021