

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.

September 27, 2021
6:00-7:30 p.m.

Members Present

Sarah Blake, Sarah Cofer, Erika Coghill, Judy Fay, Morigan Havelly, Kerri Helgeson, Kari Henderson-Burke, Lauren Hunter, Ryan Johnson, Britt Kleinman, Erica Knapp, Karrie Marsh, Stacy Jacobs, Mary Levesque, Anne McAlvey, Gary Sabol, Chrys Sweeting, Sophie Willis

Call to Order

6:00 p.m.

Approve Minutes

Judy Fay made a motion, seconded by Lauren Hunter, to approve the June 7 meeting minutes. The minutes were approved by voice vote.

Review Roster

Dr. Sweeting asked committee members to indicate which school they represent:

- Gary Sabol- ACE Secretary
- Britt Kleinman- Haller
- Chrys Sweeting- Superintendent
- Sarah Blake- Post, Eagle Creek
- Stacy Jacobs- Haller
- Judy Fay- Board Member, Community Member
- Lauren Hunter- Community Member, board district #2
- Anne McAlvey- School nurse at Kent Prairie
- Sophie Willis- Sr. AHS
- Mary Levesque- AHS and Post, Board Member
- Morigan Havelly- Jr. AHS Junior
- Kerri Helgeson- Dir. Equity and Student Well-Being
- Kari Henderson-Burke- Executive Director, Teaching and Learning
- Karrie Marsh- Principal, SVLC
- Sarah Cofer- Teacher at Pioneer
- Erika Coghill- AHS
- Ryan Johnson- Community member
- Erica Knapp- SVLC
- Kari Pendray- AHS
- Kimberly Meno- Board District #4

Review of ACE Charter

Dr. Sweeting reviewed the ACE charter with committee members. Minor changes will be made to the charter. Dr. Sweeting clarified that the intent of ACE is that the committee is commissioned by the board to research certain topics so the board can make better decisions.

Schools Update

Dr. Sweeting shared that she visited all the schools and talked about having students in school five days a week. The district is working hard to keep students and staff safe.

The district also offers remote or alternative learning opportunities for students:

- Arlington Online Program (AOP)- Connection needs, Zoom class every week, maybe more than once a week
- SVLC- Kids don't come all five days
- Open Doors- This is a remote program

COVID-19 information has been posted to the front of the district website. We will also be adding a COVID dashboard to the site with limited information. Committee members asked why schools weren't listed. Dr. Sweeting asked what the purpose would be to list schools. They shared that it might change behavior or that parents might pull their kids out of school.

Review of ACE Calendar

Dr. Sweeting shared the ACE calendar with the committee. Additional topics that were brought up were:

- 100 percent clean and renewable energy in our district. Dr. Sweeting said she would add this to a board update
- Diversity, equity, inclusion- district and community equity team will proceed with this, get report from them
- Seniors transitioning into the job market, trades, military- March topic
- HS later start time, did recommend it to board, still a topic, not been a high priority, not going to happen this year

Family and Community Survey Results

Gary Sabol shared the family and community survey results with ACE. He will also share the student survey results with ACE.

District Informational Updates

- The district Wall Calendar/Family Handbook have been mailed to families.
- Enrollment numbers. The numbers are up slightly. The committee asked if they could see what schools students have left.

Adjournment

Erika Coghill made a motion, seconded by Ryan Johnson, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.