

## 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.*

**Dec. 7, 2023**  
**6:00-7:30 p.m.**

### **Members Present**

Alyssa Acosta, Erika Coghill, Grant Cramer, Judy Fay, Megan Hodgson, Lauren Hunter, Mary Levesque, Anne McAlvey, Cheryl McGuire, Hillary McGuire, Alex Pincus, Gary Sabol, Chrys Sweeting, Kiera Wilson

### **Guest**

Kerri Helgeson

### **Call to Order**

6:01 p.m.

### **Approve Minutes**

Judy Fay made a motion, seconded by Anne McAlvey, to approve the Oct. 5, 2023 minutes. The minutes were approved by voice vote. There were no minutes for the Nov. 2 meeting since this was a joint meeting with the Budget Advisory Task Force and included a tour of Post Middle School.

### **Introductions**

ACE members went around the room and introduced themselves.

### **Recap from Nov. 2 meeting**

This was a tour of Post Middle School. Attendees heard about the three measures on the Feb. 13, 2024 ballot. Issues at Post include flooding, limited electrical capacity, HVAC, track, roof, cabling

### **360 with ACE Members- Examples of positive actions you've seen in the district**

- Bus drivers stepped up during the flooding
- Brooke Howell worked with mother and daughter to resolve an issue
- Parent teacher conference at the high school went well
- Empathy at Eagle Creek
- Santa parade, downtown Arlington, hay wagon
- Communication as a whole, everyone pitches in to deal with issues
- Science at Post, experimented with dry ice
- Kent Prairie dismissal, parents are very polite

- Flooding, support from teachers and others
- Theater production class, work really well together
- Football team had a great season!
- Eagle Creek and AHS front office staff
- Boy made the wrestling team, positive people surrounding him
- New carpet at Eagle Creek
- Mental health counselors, seven this year, willingness to give two days now, consult about student needs
- UDL for Presidents Math video

### **Equity Efforts**

Kerri Helgeson, Director of Equity and Student Well-Being, provided the committee with an update on the equity efforts in the district.

There are eight goals in the equity plan.

### ***What have we done since the adoption of the Equity Policy?***

- Erin Jones – Last year’s District Day Keynote
- Monthly Padlets
- Equity Audit
- Educational Equity Facilitators in Buildings
- Formation of Student Advisory Council
- Creation of Staff Professional Learning Outcomes
- Speak Up Program
- Adoption of Learning for Justice Standards
- Various book studies done in schools
- Shelly Moore - District Day Keynote

### ***How do we learn the needs of students?***

- Equity Audit
- Student Voice
- Survey of secondary students

### ***How are we currently responding?***

- Educating our Staff
  - Erin Jones Book Study
  - Communication of Learning For Justice Standards
  - DEI Dictionary
- Educating our Students
  - Erin Jones Book Study

- No Place For Hate
- Educating our Community
  - Erin Jones Book Study
  - Stronger Together Event
  - Community members represented on district teams

### **Recapture Small Group Sign Up**

Dr. Sweeting sent around a sign-up for the following three sub committees:

1. Increasing Family and Community Involvement and Partnerships
2. Legislative issues that may or are impacting schools. What can we do?
3. FAQ by our Families, Communities and Students

### **Hear from Student Advisors**

- Bookie- Giving Wall, Christmas Theme, give a gift, parents get gifts for their kids, assembly coming up, dance on Jan. 13
- Alyssa- Dance for all students Jan. 13, Knowledge Bowl
- Keira- No updates

### **District Informational Updates**

- School visits from legislators- Carolyn Eslick, Clive Shavers, Dave Paul, Sen. Missal
- Two levies and bond measures
- Reminder at AHS Flight Frosty the Snowman production
- Matt Dimond, new board member
- Jan. 10 voter registration drive at the high school

### **Closing**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m

Next Meeting: Jan. 11, 2024