

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.

**Monday, May 1, 2017
6:00-7:30 p.m.**

Members Present

Ed Aylesworth, Deb Borgens, Cathy Clark Smith, Eric DeJong, Kathy Ehman, Jen Fuller, Ursula Ghirardo (board member), Mike Johnson, Sheri Kelly, Brian Lewis, Kimberly Meno, Casey Miller, Will Nelson, Mike Ray, Gary Sabol, Marcy Taylor

Members Absent

Maggie Bagwell, Ryan Barci, Linda Bollinger, Lisa Coghill, Yvonne Gallardo, Pedro Gonzales, Kari Henderson-Burke, Mary Levesque, Dave McKeller, Hanna Novy, Nikki Starup, Chrys Sweeting, Matt Washburn, Jenny Taylor

Guests Present

Shari Campbell

Call to Order

Cathy called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Due to a lack of a quorum, the committee decided to approve the minutes at the next meeting

Announcement

Brian Lewis, Executive Director of Operations, reminded the committee of a School Building and Facilities Symposium at Post Middle School on May 30 from 6 to 8 p.m. Brian invited the committee to attend and participate in the planning process for the future of Arlington's school buildings

Elections

Election for the 2017-18 school year took place. The results are:

- Chairperson- Mary Levesque
- Vice Chairperson- Cathy Clark Smith

Recap work

Shari Campbell recapped with the committee what the committee accomplished this year as it relates to the strategic plan.

Mission- The initial meetings looked at the District's mission. It was decided that graduation needed to be part of the mission.

Arlington Public Schools educates all students, preparing and inspiring them to graduate and seek their full potential as lifelong learners

Goals- The committee discussed what are the goal and actions to support the mission. The Cabinet reviewed the five goals and actions. The committee discussed how do we hold ourselves accountable? Are the goals measurable?

Student Learning & Achievement

Students will engage in learning that's rigorous, research-based and focused on successful grade transitions leading to graduation and further pursuits.

- Implement best teaching practice and technology across each grade and course.
- Engage students in research-based, challenging and aligned curriculum that addresses diverse learning styles and abilities.
- Engage staff in professional learning communities to achieve better results for the students they serve.
- Provide targeted, job-embedded professional development that advances instructional practices while meeting students' needs.
- Identify areas of improvement based on data.

Safe and Caring Environment

We will cultivate and maintain a safe and caring learning and working environment to support a positive culture to increase student achievement

- Enhance safety and security for student, staff and community.
- Foster a culture that supports the academic, behavioral, social and emotional health needs of every student.
- Model respectful conduct and civility.
- Regularly assess facilities for the ability to safely provide educational services.
- Cultivate an environment where diversity is valued and respected.
- Provide professional development for all staff around welcoming schools and customer service.

Resource Stewardship

We will align all resources (people, time, money and property) to support the District's mission.

- Effectively and efficiently allocate resources to maximize student learning.
- Maintain, improve and replace buildings and equipment.
- Invest community resources prudently.
- Share responsibility among students, staff and community for the care of district equipment and facilities.
- Recruit, hire, motivate and retain a high quality, professional and diverse teaching and support staff.

Parent & Community Partnerships

We will engage and encourage parents and our community to partner in the education of students.

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Shari had the committee look at the different goals and metrics to see what was missing. The committee wanted to include continuous improvement in each goal.

Vision Exercise

Shari had the committee write down what they thought would be a vision for the District. She described the difference between the vision and the mission.

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

Next Meeting: Monday, June 5, 2017 at 6 p.m. at Tubbs Pizza.