

## 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, Sept. 18, 2017**  
**6:00-7:30 p.m.**

### **Call to Order**

Mary Levesque called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m.

### **Members Present**

Ryan Barci, Arienne Blackburn, Sarah Blake, Pedro Gonzales, Natalie Hollifield, Sheri Kelly, Mary Levesque, Kimberly Meno, Hanna Novy, Gary Sabol, Chrys Sweeting

### **Members Absent**

Maggie Bagwell, Linda Bollinger, Lisa Coghill, Kathy Ehman, Jen Fuller, Yvonne Gallardo, Jillian Gooding, Casey Miller, Will Nelson, Matt Washburn

### **Guest Present**

Brian Lewis

### **Approval of Minutes**

Sheri Kelly made a motion to approve the June 5, 2017 minutes. Kimberly Meno seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved by voice vote.

### **Introduction and team building**

Committee members engaged in a team-building activity so committee members could get to know one another. Committee members went around the table explaining their background and their role on ACE.

### **Orientation**

Dr. Sweeting and Ms. Levesque conducted an orientation with committee members. According to the charter, this committee is charged with researching a topic about which the board would like more information. The committee members receive general information about the district and serve as key communicators. One topic the board is interested in is equity and how that plays out for students in the schools. The board is currently engaging in professional development on this issue. Dr. Sweeting said it may be worthwhile to have a guest speaker engage the ACE committee on this topic.

### **Future Topics**

Ms. Levesque asked committee member what topics they would like to discuss in upcoming meetings. Possible future topics include:

- Depression, alcohol and drug awareness at the middle school and high school levels.
- Options for college and career ready students. What can we do as a community?
- Looking at how to rebuild our bus fleet.

- How to create a more welcoming environment at our schools.
- Explore extending learning time with enrichment activities.
- Path for students to enter trades (CTE focus).
- How area growth could impact building capacity.
- Explore partnerships with industry and getting them plugged into the high school.
- What to do with Eagle Period (the extra block of time for students) and what to do with it?
- Explain how school funding works.
- Equity and diversity- area demographics are changing. How do we deal with change?
- Focus on student mental health as more pressure is put on students.
- What can the district do about Cyber bullying?
- Funding for replacing aging band uniforms.
- Provide an update on the 24-credit requirement.
- Expand the class offerings at the high school.

### **Bond update**

Brian Lewis, Executive Director of Operations, provided an update on a potential bond proposal. Mr. Lewis showed the history of the Facilities Advisory Committee and their recommendations. Some possible projects include rebuilding Post Middle School, installing increased security enhancements at all school buildings and improving drainage at elementary schools. He discussed a community workshop in September at Post Middle School where 45 attendees provided design ideas for a new Post Middle School. He also discussed student growth projections and its impact on future projects.

Kimberly Meno made a motion to adjourn and Mary Levesque seconded the motion. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

**Next Meeting: Monday, Oct. 2 at 6 p.m.**