

Community Engagement Committee Agenda  
Location: Half Round Room, Bixby Library

May 16, 2017  
6:00-7:15 PM

The ANWSD Community Engagement Committee (CEC) shall be comprised of a combination of school board members, faculty, staff, administration and students as determined by the committee. The *initial* charge is to create a strategic vision for education in the school district, that reflects community values, and is not limited by the walls of our school buildings or the borders of our communities.

Ground Rules:

- start on time
- share the air, give everyone a chance to speak before speaking again
- assume good intentions
- come prepared
- read emails on regular basis
- follow up on commitments
- let chair know if you will not attend a meeting
- support committee decisions

Meeting Goals:

- Vision statement roll out
  - discuss response to faculty/staff concerns
  - establish new calendar
  - CEC next steps
1. Accept minutes of 4/18/17 meeting
  2. Establish meeting night for 2017-18 school year; Monday or Thursday nights are best for the Bixby calendar
  3. Nellie Mae grant news
  4. Finalize language in Vision Statement: which or that?
  5. Finalize Safe Schools Statement for approval by the ANWSD board
  6. Create a plan for rolling out the vision statement to parents, staff, community, seniors
    - a. FPF
    - b. senior luncheon
    - c. school newsletters
    - d. ANWSD staff newsletter
  7. Sharing faculty/staff feedback with the Board
  8. Mission Statements at individual schools; ANWSD strategic plan; Board retreat
  9. Review [VSBA Community Engagement policy](#); [Roles and Responsibilities in Community Engagement](#)

10. Chalk Talk to generate ideas for further community engagement *if there is time*; consideration of video as a method of engaging the community [We are the Future of Winooski](#), [Winooski My Town](#), [Being a Refugee Not a Choice](#)
- Opportunities to engage students in the community and the community with students
  - Ways to garner community support: *elders cookbook*
  - Partnerships with existing organizations (not limited to Vergennes)

## Community Engagement Committee Minutes

Location: Bixby Library

April 18, 2017

6:00-7:30 PM

Meeting called to order 6:05 P.M.

In attendance: Diana Raphael, Kristina MacKulin, Finn Yarbrough, Laurie Gutowski, Travis Park, Judy Elson, Kathryn Wyckoff, Chris Cousineau. Absent: Megan Tarte, Scott Grant.

1. Accept minutes of 3/21/17 meeting. Laurie G. moves, Kristina M. seconds. Motion passes.
2. **Community Engagement Policy:** Laurie G. provides copies of proposed “community engagement and vision policy” from ???
3. **Vision statement discussion:** Diana R. introduces objective to leave meeting with a two-sentence vision statement for the district, which is distinct from mission statements. Kristina M. voices concern that examples of vision statements from other districts are cluttered by jargon and do not reflect the results of the CEC community outreach thus far. Diana R. affirms that the vision statement should not veer into methods, which belongs in a mission or strategic plan. Travis P. suggests that the vision statement should have students at the center and be understandable at a glance.  
  
Result: “We envision a kind, collaborative, and creative community for all that nurtures a diverse and accessible learning environment. Students will flourish as critical thinkers and productive citizens, cultivating resilience in a(n ever) changing world.”  
  
Raucous debate on the use of “ever-changing” as opposed to just “changing,” with Laurie G. and Finn in favor of “ever,” but outnumbered.
4. 7:30, meeting adjourned.