

Community Engagement Committee Meeting notes - April 19, 2018

In attendance Diana Raphael, Kristina MacKulin, Chris Cousineau, Laurie Gutowski, Judy Elson, Scott Grant, Beth Brodie

Meeting opened 7:32

1. Scott moved to elect Beth Brodie as clerk - Laurie seconded - passes - unanimous

2. (Added to the agenda) 3rd Thursday of the month has been designated the time for the meeting.

Chris moved - The Bixby will be the meeting place of record unless circumstances prevent using the space - Kristina seconded - passes- unanimous

3. Judy moved to accept the minutes from the March 22 meeting- Kristina seconded passes - Scott and Beth abstain

4. Student recruitment - barriers? How can we eliminate the barriers? Could we use morning meeting teachers and then add Jay and Ed Cook review the list for a wide range of stakeholders? We want to find leaders in the student populations who might not stand out at first.

5. Survey results - 200 respondents, 99 parents/families of students, 73 members of the community (not directly related). Surveys were most popular, but might represent thin engagement. Discussion of regular events, forums as being popular. Having a regular event such as lunch at VUHS once a month which might attract the AgeWell participants or breakfasts at the elementary schools, with rotating faculty, staff administration, students and board members, was discussed.

6. Asset mapping - Diana updated where we are at for asset mapping and it will be carried over to next meeting. Scott, Diana and Megan will work on this.

7. New Charge: Diana shared new charge with added wording: The Community Engagement Committee (CEC) is a subcommittee of the ANWSD board that *recognizes that community support is based on a mutual exchange, a dynamic process in which the Addison Northwest School District contributes to the community's success and, in turn, benefits from the community's resources.* The CEC will engage the communities in topics of interest, promoting collaboration between the Board, the schools and the communities; as well as give students voice and leadership opportunities.

This will be brought before the board.

CEC Strategic Plan will change to Community Engagement **Work** Plan (draft) - It is a fluid document that does not need to be approved by the board according to the board chair.

7. **Conference:** Put on by the VSBA Effective Engaged Governance - Saturday the 14th, Judy, Kristina and Diana attended.

8. VSBA grant application. Reviewed the grant draft. Diana will edit and send to Beth for review before the May 1 deadline.

9. Next Steps: The committee will ask for board approval to do some engagement work on Memorial Day before and after the parade. We would like to recruit 3-4 pairs of students from the Boys and Girls Club, the National Honor Society, VUHS student council, Future Farmers of America (FFA) and Becca Coffey's AP history class. These students will be trained the week before during lunch by Diana and Beth. They will have white boards, clip boards and digital devices to complete the following engagement activity. The purpose of this activity is to build relationships and add to the asset maps that were begun at the second December workshop with Sue McCormack. Many ideas were discussed. The committee decided on the following:

1. Ask the question: What are four words that best describe our 5 town community?
2. The respondents will write their 4 words on a white board and have their digital picture taken. There will also be a place for them to write where they live, since many attendees don't live in our district.
3. Email addresses will be gathered and added to our data base from people who want to be informed of upcoming events.

Diana will reach out to various groups after board approval. Lynn Kayhart for the national honor society, Janet Kepes for the student council, Bill Vandeweert for the FFA, and Jill Strube for the Boy and Girls Club. Civic engagement - 8 students total - Judy and Beth will get the materials - May 28 -

In agreement - we need to have a series of meetings in October (around food) to discuss a single issue with community members. District staff also needs to be engaged. Can that happen with convocation? It was pointed out that doing so at Convocation will also serve as an activity for the staff/faculty to begin to see themselves as a district staff rather than from individual schools. Develop with new Superintendent - Get approval from board.

VSBA grant - Diana will send the draft of the VSBA grant to the committee members and then pass it by the superintendent.

Kristina moved to end the meeting Judy seconded - passed- unanimous - 7:30 p.m.

Next meeting May 17 @ Bixby library at 5:30.

Submitted by Diana Raphael