

## **Community Engagement Committee**

**May 17, 2018**

**5:30-7:30 PM**

**Location: upstairs, Bixby Library**

In attendance: Diana Raphael, Kristina MacKulin, Beth Brodie, Laurie Gutowski, Judy Elson, Kathryn Wyckoff, Chris Cousineau. Scott Grant, Megan Tarte, Absent: Kaci Pierce,

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.

1. Update ANWSD Board actions re: CEC - We have been approved by the board
2. Accept minutes of April meeting Kristine move Laurie seconded, motion passed
3. Vergennes Partnership - Donelle Birong Connection between CEC and Vergennes Partnership  
Target items - focus is downtown Vergennes, growing housing, city plan, improving the grandlist, ways to look at zoning etc.  
Can we create brochures and give testimonials? Maybe connect with Amy Barr about future events. What the CEC do to continue to support local business? Can schools start to think about childcare centers?
4. Fall community activity - \$600 check from Nellie Mae for Fall kick off - Open kickoff with Picture of old school houses - Charlie langworthy, or Silas Towler  
Board questions:  
Now that we are a unified district, what are some strategies we could employ to address diminishing enrollment?  
With the budget constraints we face, do we want our dollars to go?  
Kathy Alexander could provide for 50 - 100 and Date October 11 and November 1
5. Memorial Day relationship building activity - Could Jay or Ed cook pick some MS students, what about FCS and VUES? Mabe Ben Bromsma, Megan can check in tomorrow. Beth will be here at 9:45. Meet students at the bandstand in the park.
6. Asset mapping - Megan, Scott and Diana
7. VSBA Grant update - June 1
8. Other business - Next meeting - spreadsheet with survey data from vision statement - Committee wonders if superintendent and principals can be active in the committee.
9. Kristina moves to adjourn Judy seconded ...so moved 7:35
10. Next Meeting: June 21, 2018, 5:30-7:30 PM Bixby Library