

ANWSD Community Engagement Committee  
Thursday August 25, 2016

6:00-7:00 p.m.

“Engage the Community Build a Vision”

In attendance: Laurie Gutowski, Chris Cousineau, Diana Raphael, Kristina Mackulin, Finn Yarbrough, Travis Park. Laurie Childers.

1. Laurie G. moves that we nominate Diana Raphael for chair. Chris Cousineau seconds. Motion carries.
2. Laurie G. nominates Finn Yarbrough for Clerk, Chris C. seconds. Motion carries.
3. Finn Y. moves to accept CEC minutes from August 18, 2016, Laurie G. seconds. Motion carries.
4. Membership discussion. Diana R. suggests that we include teachers/members of public on the committee. Diana R. will ask JoAn Canning to recommend one teacher from each school and a single high school student to serve on the committee. Other board members will personally notify community members of our meetings and encourage attendance. Finn voices concern that this may be too many members. Kristina counters that there will be many responsibilities, and that it is too early to cap membership. It was decided to also ask JoAn to recommend one high school student to the committee. Diana will contact JoAn about the additional committee members.
5. Review of VSBA “Engage the Community & Build a Vision” Handout, and our community engagement plan. Diana R. mentions that the Bixby could be a good resource for community engagement. Chris C. suggests that we might hold meetings there.

Community organizations that may aid in outreach: Eagles, Rotary, American Legion.

Conspicuous venues to hold engagement workshops: Bixby, Opera House, Ferrisburgh Town Hall, School Open Houses.

Open house plan, Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>: Chalk-talk setup with a board and post-its and a committee member representative at each ANWSD school. Travis P. suggests that one of the leading questions be oriented towards what parents would like students to “give back” to community, rather than “take away.” Laurie C. suggests that a meeting schedule and board member contact information be included on the community brainstorming board.

“We need your voice!

Help the new ANWSU district define a vision statement.

What are your hopes and dreams for your students here and beyond?”

As for non-school-aged taxpayer engagement, down the road, Finn Y. suggests:

“What role do you see your school playing in your community?”

The assigned members to attend each Sept. 22nd open house are as follows:

Addison: Finn Y.

Ferrisburgh: Kristina M.

VUHS: Chris C.

VUES: Laurie G.

6. Calendar for community engagement events: tabled until next meeting.
7. Next Meeting Date: September 20. Committee will meet 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month at VUHS library, 6:00 P.M.
8. Other business: Will follow Robert’s Rules loosely, with priority on the elements of the rules that insure timeliness, adhere to the agenda, and allow for discussion/dissent before moving forward on votable motions. Diana will double check with JoAn. We will inform the ANWSD board. Laurie C. does not think we need to follow Robert’s Rules since our committee has no power.

Discussion moves again to open meeting law and Finn Y. insists that, whatever meeting rules we follow, the CEC is still subject to open meeting law with regards to planning outside of the meeting: any planning in which we collaboratively engage must be warned and included in the public record, including any collective mission-statement brainstorming activity on Google Docs.

7:02 p.m. Meeting Adjourned