

FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

PARENT ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Parent Engagement Committee Meeting

December 8, 2015

School Board Member Sue Hull called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the board room of the FNSBSD Administrative Center at 520 Fifth Avenue.

Mrs. Hull read the district's mission statement: *"Our mission is to provide an excellent, equitable education in a safe, supportive environment so all students will succeed and contribute to a diverse and changing society."*

Present:

Sue Hull, Board Member
Kelly Atlee, Col. Sean Williams Appointee
Enei Bagaye, Michael O'Brien Appointee
John Gregor, At-large Member
Bobbi Hamilton, Sean Rice Appointee
Tanya Howard, At-large Member
Peter Lizardi, At-large Member
Jodi Rhoades, At-large Member
Cassie Scofield, At-large Member
Teffonie Wyman, Col. Richard Cole Appointee
Zachary Mason, Interim Student Representative

Absent:

Lisa Gentry, Chair
Kristen Freiburger, At-large Member
Sonja Ramstad, Heidi Haas Appointee
Becky Williams, Allyson Lambert Appointee

Staff Present:

Sharice Walker, Director of Public Relations
Rebecca Hurbi, Communications Coordinator

AGENDA [0:03:41]

ATLEE MOVED, RHOADES SECONDED, TO ADOPT THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. NO OBJECTIONS, MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENT [0:03:55]

No public comment.

INTRODUCTIONS [0:04:07]

Committee members briefly introduced themselves and described their interest in serving on the committee.

OVERVIEW OF COMMITTEE CHARGE [0:21:28]

Mrs. Hull explained this is an ongoing committee and that the committee work will be guided by a series of questions originally prepared as a committee charge for a previous school board parent engagement task force. The document was included in the meeting agenda packet.

REVIEW OF BACKGROUND INFORMATION [0:24:22]

Committee members reviewed the supplemental documents included in the agenda packet, which included the administrative regulation for the Board Parent Engagement Committee, existing parent involvement policy for Title I programs and Epstein's Framework of Six Types of Involvement.

Mrs. Hull requested committee members be provided a copy of the school board parent involvement policy for the next meeting.

Mrs. Hull provided committee members with additional handouts including the current PTA National Standards for Family-School Partnerships, the 1997 version of the PTA National Standards for Parent/Family Involvement Programs, and a June 2, 2015 article from Education Week entitled "Parent Engagement on Rise as Priority for Schools, Districts."

Ms. Atlee asked if there were any statistics regarding parental engagement and a method for measuring success. Mrs. Hull requested the district public relations department gather whatever information the district currently had that relates to the engaging of parents.

The committee discussed the possibility of distributing a parent survey, both hard copy and digital, during February parent teacher conferences.

DISCUSSION OF PATH FORWARD [0:52:19]

Committee members discussed ways of organizing work over the next several months in order to develop recommendations for the school board in the fall. Committee members decided to structure their meeting topics in line with the current PTA's National Standards for Family-School Partnerships. The committee would meet monthly to explore each of the six standards: Welcoming all families into the school community, Communicating effectively, Supporting student success, Speaking up for every child, Sharing power, and Collaborating with community.

The committee decided the January meeting would focus on the first standard: Welcoming all families into the school community.

SET MEETING SCHEDULE [1:31:55]

The committee decided to hold monthly meetings from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. the second Thursday of each month, except for the April meeting, which would be the third Thursday.

COMMITTEE COMMENT/ANNOUNCEMENTS [1:35:12]

Mrs. Hull requested that future agendas include an agenda item for closing comments.

The meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Submitted by Sharice Walker, school district director of public relations