

# Parent Advisory Council

Wednesday, October 6, 2016

6:00 p.m.

- Members Present: Kim Hagar, Steve Sexton, Laura Madson, Melissa Koppenhaver, Brian Murphy, Tiffany Raffill-Pagel
- Members Absent: Tony Johannes, Mike and Karen Lepisto, Tammy Scharenbroch, Jodi Hartlaub, Loren Wille
- Welcome: Dr. Blankenheim welcomed everyone to the meeting. She shared her appreciation to the parents for their input. She suggested the committee develop a purpose/mission for the committee.
- Introductions: Committee members introduced themselves and shared why they're interested in serving on the committee.
- Dr. Blankenheim explained the purpose for the Parent Advisory Council:
- Members perspective
  - Different from the PTP
  - Policy and board decision
  - Collaborative leadership
  - Prioritize topics of interest
  - Advisory recommendation to the Board
  - Leadership side of district
  - Co-facilitate with Dr. Blankenheim
    - Valuable to the members
    - Help develop agenda
    - Liaison to parents
- Norms: The committee developed the following norms:
- Listen without interrupting
  - Open to all ideas
  - Mutual respect
  - Fun, laughter, enjoyable
  - Give opinions
  - Speak Candidly
  - Think innovatively, creatively, into the future
- Purpose:
- More parent voice
  - Informal meeting, learning about the district
  - Needed to know more
- Outcome/Accomplish
- Gather knowledge/information
  - Parents/administration partnering together
  - Understanding why decisions are made by the administration and school board.

Add an agenda item for "Burning Issues"

Use the parent update to solicit questions. Students are talking with other adults/coaches, so want to ensure they have accurate information. Invite school board in to share perspective (January).

Purpose/Mission and  
The committee was supportive of developing a mission statement. Discuss options for creating one (sub-group; Dr. Blankenheim, etc). Mrs. Hagar will work with her students to develop a draft mission statement  
bring back to the next meeting. Brainstormed ideas to include in the mission statement:  
→ Enhancing Partnership between Parents and School District:  
→ Liaison  
→ Advocate  
→ Communicate  
→ Learning about function of district  
→ Voice for Positive  
→ Representatives

Group Activity: Committee members identified their own top priorities and then prioritized them as a group.  
→ **Vision, Mission, Strategic Plan**  
    ◆ What is the district's vision/How will we keep up with the constant changes (5)  
→ **Promoting/Advocating for Public Education**  
→ **Student Achievement/Student Services**  
    ◆ Diversity & Tolerance in the Schools (5)  
    ◆ Transgender Issue (3)  
    ◆ Sexual Harassment/Student Behavior and Attitudes (1)  
    ◆ What are the services - Mental Health/Counseling (3)  
    ◆ Preparing students for the "Real" world after HS (3)  
    ◆ Career Prep - job shadowing, etc. (not just college prep) (4)  
    ◆ Counseling for college prep & career prep (4)  
→ **Facilities**  
    ◆ School Safety (5)  
→ **Other**  
    ◆ Kiel Booster Club (2)  
    ◆ Conferences (2)

Updates A member inquired about the auditorium and Dr. Blankenheim explained the work of the auditorium committee. A copy of their presentation can be found under the board webpage, public access (September 7th meeting).

Next Meeting: The committee will meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month during the school year. Agenda topics include: Diversity and Tolerance in the Schools, Presentation by Raider Crew to share their mission around the acceptance of differences, review draft of Mission Statement and burning issues.

Adjourn:                   The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.