

Family & Community Engagement Committee

Meeting Minutes – March 18, 2014

In attendance: Madeleine Villalobos, Natalie Olsen, Kristie Guiney, Sandy Martin, Erika Nelson, Bill Baker, Jeff Book, Julie Winterhalder, Sandy Kening, Vanessa Castelan. Seth Rindner, Paula Becker.
District Liaison: Pat Mogge, Karla Guzman.

Meeting called to order: 7:09pm

Approval of Minutes: Seth Rindner made a motion to approve the panel discussion notes from 1/4/2014 and 2/18/14 as the meeting minutes; Krisitie Guiney seconded. All approved.

Group Work Session:

The committee discussed the two panel discussions. That feedback provided the basis for our year-end report. The committee agreed that recommendations should be made in the areas of providing the much needed resources that administrators repeatedly mentioned in the panel discussions: support services for families, improved signage and outdoor environments at their schools, guidance counselors, better communication support and training.

Another question raised by the committee (thank you Bill Baker!): How do we create energy and excitement around these great schools who attended the panel discussions? What is being done to give them the affirmation they deserve and what is being done to share their success stories with other schools? How do we do this more effectively?

Panel discussion follow-up: How do we want to follow-up with principals? Was the panel discussion helpful? We need to find out what we can do for them moving forward.

Natalie will draft the report and recommendations and send to the committee in early April for feedback. Madeleine will write a brief summary of the Empower & Equip work.

District Update: (Pat Mogge)

Family & Community Engagement Survey: Pat said survey data has already been shared with principals and will be presented to the BOE sometime in June. Until that time, we cannot look at specific data as a group. The committee discussed at length concerns about the validity of the data since it is anonymous. What would keep someone from negative bombing a school, or what would prevent a school from taking repeated positive surveys. Ideally, the committee would like to see a user code be given to survey takers to ensure a “one response” survey.

The committee would also like to see response data by question so that we can identify by engagement component how we are doing as a school district. This data is available by school, but not compiled for a district total. This would require many man-hours. Is this something the committee wants to pursue?

Next Meeting Date: Monday, April 14, 2014 @ 7pm

Meeting adjourned. 9:10 pm