

Family & Community Engagement Committee

Meeting Minutes – April 14, 2015

In attendance: Erika Nelson, Jeff Book, Madeleine Villalobos, Sandy Martin, Maureen Kehoe, Vanessa Castelan, Kai Rush, Seth Ridner, and Karla Jimenez)

Meeting called to order: 7:10

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the March meeting approved into record (Madeleine Villalobos and Kai Rush). Note: These April meeting minutes were also approved into record (Matt Hovey and Tangela Young)

District Update: (Karla Jimenez)

- The draft of the strategic plan was shared with the school board. As requested by the board, more input is being sought from specific groups. The input from our school families is still being accepted as well through the U-46 website. Another draft will be provided at the April 20th BOE meeting.
- Summer Reading Challenge (for K – 5) is being coordinated with the local libraries across the district. The reading logs will be included with the report cards this year.
- May 19th from 4:30 – 6:00 is the recognition event for district volunteers.
- The district is looking for Alignment Committee Ambassadors. The Alignment initiative is to coordinate community services, donations, and volunteerism across the district. Go to Algin4edu.org for more information.

Group Work Session:

- The report from the Student Led Conferences (SLC) was discussed and edited for inclusion into the annual report. Seth provided great information concerning the research and observations of SLC that he and Aimee had conducted. He discussed ways to promote and encourage the use of SLC across the district's elementary schools. The report was shared with Dr. Ushma Shah.
- The report from the PTO/PTA Parent Group initiative was reviewed and edited for inclusion in the annual report. Jeff, Vanessa and Erika have done considerable work in preparing for the first meeting to be held on May 11th at Popular Creek Library. This first meeting is limited to elementary school PTO board members. The intent is to continue to support this group and grow it to include other parent group organizations (middle and high school as well as boosters).
- We discussed the successful realtor breakfast that was recently held at Larkin and the unattended event at Tefft. It was recognized that another method of outreach was required on the east side of the district's boundaries. A report from this initiative will be provided to include in the annual report.

New Business:

- The first meeting date and time for next year was set as Tuesday, September 22, 2015 – 7pm.
- Initiatives to continue into the next academic year include the PTO/PTA Parent Group and the community outreach to area realtors.

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, September 22, 2015 - 7pm ERC room 251

Meeting adjourned. 9:40 pm