

School Board Community Outreach and Policy Committee
OEG IMC – January 2, 2017 – 6:30 PM
Minutes

Membership: Steve Obershaw
Colleen McCabe
Arlene Siss
Connie Valenza
Kris Brown

I. Call to Order

- Meeting was called to order and noted that the meeting was properly noticed.
- Minutes were approved as presented.
- Josh Grabandt was also in attendance.

II. Community Outreach

- Superintendent Valenza discussed the recent School Board “Coffee Talk” held on December 19, 2016 at Westview Elementary School. The board members that attended agreed that it was a very good activity. A fair turn out for attendance on a day that the weather wasn’t very good (school was on a 2 hour delay). The community members that attended had good discussions with the board members that attended and all were impressed with the tour of Westview. The discussions began with the state report cards and closing gaps and varied after that. It was a very comfortable format and the community members couldn’t say enough good things in regards to the schools and the referendum. They were all grateful for the budgeting throughout the entire construction process.

Committee members discussed rotating through each school with the same format and the possibility of having the group meet on a regular basis (once a month). Several different options were discussed. Superintendent Valenza will check on a few. (PT Conferences, Freshman Night, Fireman’s Pancake Breakfast, Chamber meeting, Wake Up Platteville and other community groups.)

II. Policy

- Superintendent Valenza shared several policies that need revisions. Policy ABA-Community Involvement in Decision Making. Recommended to add language to include the reorganization and goals of the Community Outreach & Policy Committee. Policy ABB-Staff Involvement in Decision Making. No concerns at this time. Just update if needed. Policy ABC- Student Involvement in Decision Making. Discussed having a HS student representative join the Program Committee and the Community Outreach and Policy Committee as well as attend at least one board meeting per month. Superintendent Valenza will meet with Principal Engh and Student Council to see how it functions and what the students would like to see.
- Superintendent Valenza discussed the possibility of setting up a school board retreat in January to further the conversation with Policy AD-Educational Philosophy, Policy AE-School District Goals and Policy AFA-Evaluation of School Board Operational Procedures. The committee members agreed and recommended that a possible retreat date be set at the next school board meeting.

IV. Other

- Colleen McCabe shared a request for a UW-Platteville student group to attend school board meeting(s) and then meet with the board members prior to or after the meeting. Jen Collins is the contact person at UWP. Superintendent Valenza discussed the group possibly attending a Program Committee Meeting. She will make contact to see what will work best.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm

Recorded by Lynne Tanner