

School Board Community Outreach and Policy Committee
OEG IMC – July 24, 2017 – 6:07 PM
Minutes

Membership: Steve Obershaw
Colleen McCabe - abs
Matt Zielinski
Connie Valenza

I. Call to Order

- Meeting was called to order and noted that the meeting was properly noticed.

II. Community Outreach

- Superintendent Valenza gave a quick overview of the Program Committee and discussed the make-up and agenda building for the upcoming school year. She explained that we would like to have the committees work toward the same vision – drawing young families to our community.
- The committee members discussed the make-up of the committee. Possibly requesting PTO representative(s) to attend the committee meetings. Work together to improve communication and involvement in school activities. The members agreed that the Superintendent’s column in the newspaper was well read by community members. A nice community newsletter from the Chamber "News In A Nutshell" is a good community outreach. Will share with the board members. Do we need/want more social media to get more people involved in our schools’ activities?
- Superintendent Valenza suggested that we look at each school each month. What activities are going on or coming up. Look at ways to share the activities of our schools with the community as well as parents. Find new ways to reach out to the whole community. Possibly share student perspectives on what is happening at our schools. (Website, newspaper...)
- Committee members would like to see more celebrations with the community when great things happen in our schools. Maybe more Open House formats. Possibly have a monthly “coffee talk” with the Superintendent and board member(s) at different venues away from school. Open to all ages!

III. Policy

- Superintendent Valenza shared Policy ABA – Community Involvement in Decision Making with the committee members. The members agreed that the content was OK but needed to be “warmed up” a bit.

IV. Other

- Superintendent Valenza updated the committee members on the Welcome Back Luncheon that is scheduled for August 28, 2017 at the Platteville High School Commons. Several business community members are invited to share their workforce connections with our staff.
- Thumbs up on a possible opportunity for high school students to be a part of a fixer upper!

Meeting adjourned at 7:03 pm

Recorded by Lynne Tanner