

Minutes of the Community Relations Committee of the Board of Education
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Monday, February 5, 2018

In attendance were: Janet Morgan, Pam Zmek, Carol Ann Brown, and BOE clerk, Natascha Schwartz.
Also in attendance were community members Barbara Packer and Diane Macleod.
Missing: Dave Lampart

Ms. Zmek called the meeting to order at 6:08pm.

The committee started to discuss the notes that were taken by the scribes during the forum as well as the participant evaluations.

A lot of the feedback from the surveys were similar:

- they could have used a little more time to complete each of the three sub questions,
- they enjoyed that the students participated
- enjoyed sharing ideas and solving as a committee rather than separate towns.
- felt that we should use technology more
- felt that it was a great way to bring the community together.
- would have preferred to receive the common question and sub questions in advance to be able to better prepare
- would like to have open houses to get to see the schools especially those that haven't seen inside some of the schools.
- felt that the overall question was very broad

Some comments and concerns were the following:

- the easels were too flimsy
- lower level schools would like stages back
- would like to see a student led community forum
- need to work on doing short term maintenance

Ms. Zmek advised that the next step will be to set up a joint meeting with the District Advisory Committee (DAC)
Ms. Morgan will speak with DAC chair, Jim Agostine to come up with dates.

Ms. Zmek advised that Lou DeLuca will be sending proofs of the Region 14 decals to Central Office for approval – she ask Bill Davenport for his list of sponsors as well and get pricing for more than the original quantity of 125.
Once the decal proof has been approved and printed, the committee will split up for distribution of decals.

Public comment:

Diane Macleod wanted to add a suggestion that she thought of after the conversation; students at the high school level could teach a class and have it count as their community service. She also pointed out that the Region 14 needs more advertising to make these forums public. She advised that maybe we should send out a questionnaire for people who didn't attend to get their input as well.

Barbara Packer gave kudos to the committee for getting the community involved and said that anything going forward that keeps the community involved will get more support. She also mentioned that these forum are a great way to start.

The next Community Relations meeting to take place on March 26, 2018 at 4:00pm in the Central Office conference room.

Hearing no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55pm

Respectfully Submitted.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "N. Schwartz". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the left of the typed name.

Natascha Z. Schwartz
Regional School District 14 Board Clerk

Recorded and filed subject to Board of Education approval by: Natascha Z. Schwartz, Board Clerk, 2/8/2017