

AGENDA



**Addison Central School District
Communications and Engagement Committee
Committee Meeting
Thursday, January 12, 2023, 9:00 am - 10:00 am
208 Charles Avenue, Middlebury VT & Virtual Connection**

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1. Call to Order Upon Reaching a Quorum
2. Introductions - Board Members, Administrators and Staff
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5. Recommendation to Approve Minutes of December 15, 2022
6. Committee Discussion:
 - a. Board Voicemail Messages
 - b. Feedback from Community Conversations on Strategic Plan
 - c. Quarterly Board Update
7. Other Business
8. Adjournment

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MINUTES



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In-Person Attendance

Joanna Doria; Lindsey Hescok; Mary Heather Noble

Remote Attendance

Mary Gill

Not In Attendance

Brian Bauer

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A. Call to Order Upon Reaching a Quorum

Meeting called to order at 9:03 a.m.

B. Introductions: Board Members, Administrators and Staff

Emily Blistein, ACSD Director of Communications also present.

C. Approve the Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda.

Move: Joanna Doria Second: Mary Gill Status: Passed

D. Public Comment

No public comment.

E. Recommendation to Approve Minutes of November 28, 2022

Motion to approve the minutes from November 28, 2022.

Move: Mary Gill Second: Joanna Doria Status: Passed

F. Committee Discussion

1. Board Voicemail Messages

Mary Heather Noble reported that there have been no new board voicemail messages since the last meeting. The voicemail box was last checked on December 15, 2022.

2. Feedback from Community Conversations on Strategic Plan

The Committee discussed how the Community Conversations for the Strategic Plan for

Equity went. Mary Heather noted that there were about 10 people at the in-person event, and 4-5 people participated in the virtual meeting. Participants offered good questions and suggestions, but nobody has submitted feedback via the online form. Mary Heather would like to have the link posted again on the end-of-week district communications, as well as in Front Porch Forum to encourage others to submit their perspectives.

Emily Blistein provided an update on Central Office activities around the Strategic Plan work. They have made a lot of effort to invite students to apply for the Strategic Planning Action Team -- they have put posters up around MUHS and connected with several advisors to spread the work through student activities and clubs, and identify specific students who might be interested in participating. They also recorded a video with Amanda Gomes, who participated in the Advisory Committee, and posted her talking about her experience on social media. They have received several student applications. Central Office has also put the word out to teachers -- they have had 3-4 staff meetings to report the strategic work that is happening, and to specifically invite teachers into the process. They are also planning to provide dedicated opportunities for teacher input into the planning process during in-service days.

Emily also reported that Central Office extended the application period through the next week, and hopes to have an open feedback form on the website to allow folks to provide input anytime during the process. They also intend to designate a few members of the final Action Team as community liaisons so people can have one-on-one conversations about their questions/ideas during the planning process. They are trying their best to make this an open, inclusive and transparent process while still having an action team that can be functional and efficient.

The group discussed ways in which ACSD teachers can connect certain families with the process, particularly those who don't self-select but whose perspectives are essential to the equity work (e.g., low income families and other underrepresented groups).

Joanna Doria offered her feedback from the in-person Community Conversation -- scheduling it felt a little rushed, and she expected more participants. She also had confusion about how many action teams there would be -- she thought it would be one team for each Board goal -- so she felt a little underprepared. Emily explained that the Action Team design is still in flux because they are trying to figure out the best way to handle the overlapping nature of some of the Board goals. Emma Mulvaney-Stanak will also be facilitating the Action Team's work.

Mary Gill emphasized the importance of getting feedback from individuals and families that ACSD doesn't typically hear from, and wondered if we should consider ways to specifically reach out/interview folks from certain groups, like Fernanda Canales was able to do during the Advisory Committee portion of the process.

Mary Heather summarized the Committee's To-Do list: 1) Compile participant questions and feedback from the two Community Conversation sessions to share with the full board and final Action Team. Joanna will summarize from the recording of the in-person conversation and Mary Heather will summarize from the virtual recording. 2) Emily will include links for the on-line feedback form in the end-of-week ACSD school emails. 3) Mary Heather will prepare a Front Porch Forum posting with links to the on-line feedback form.

G. Other Business

Mary Heather notified the group that the next quarterly Board update needs to be prepared soon to be on schedule for release in January 2023. She will draft something following the same format

as the last update, and have it ready for the next committee meeting. She expects to include information about the latest policy updates, information on the Board's discussion regarding the charter change, and strategic planning work.

H. Next Committee Meeting: Thursday, January 12, 2023 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

I. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Heather Noble

Motion to adjourn.

Move: Mary Gill Second: Lindsey Hescock Status: Passed

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