



# Parent Superintendent Advisory Committee

September 14, 2023 | 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

TTUSD District Office

## Meeting Minutes

- Welcome & Introductions
  - Meeting Attendees:
    - TTUSD Representatives: Superintendent Kerstin Kramer, Amber Burke
    - Parent Representatives: Megan Evans (THS), Kate Gladman (GES), Christine Ryan (KBE), Stephany Arroyo (KBE), Annie MacFadyen (ACMS/DTE), Lisa Archer (NTHS), Cory Allison (TLE)
    - Student Representatives: Gavin Cole (THS), Peyton Bell (THS)
- Confirmed Meeting Dates & Locations
  - Meeting dates were shared (listed below). Locations will alternate throughout the district, but there will always be a virtual option. All meetings will take place from 8:30am - 10am. Committee members were notified that meetings could switch to fully virtual this winter if there are weather impacts. Staff will notify them in advance.
    - October 12, 2023 | Kings Beach Elementary School, Parent Lounge
    - December 7, 2023 | Glenshire Elementary School, Library
    - January 11, 2024 | North Tahoe School, Room M113
    - February 15, 2024 | Alder Creek Middle School, Staff Lounge
    - March 14, 2024 | Tahoe Lake Elementary School, Little Auditorium
    - April 11, 2024 | Truckee High School (tentative)
    - May 2, 2024 | North Tahoe High School, Library
    - May 30, 2024 | Truckee Elementary School, Community Room
- Review of Committee Member Duties
  - Staff reviewed the following committee member's duties and asked for feedback if anything needed to be added.
    - Attend scheduled committee meetings
    - Provide the Superintendent with feedback and insight from the parent's perspective on school processes, policies, and initiatives
    - Act as a liaison and share accurate information regarding district activities with the community
    - Act as a focus group member for the Superintendent regarding district issues

- One member wanted to specifically note that this committee should act as a “safe space” to voice concerns and/or feedback so it could be constructively discussed.
- District Updates - Superintendent Kerstin Kramer
  - Shared the [First Day of School Video](#)
  - Highlighted current enrollment numbers (3,929 district-wide) and new administrators throughout the district.
  - Provided a historical overview of the 2022-2023 Strategic Plan planning process.
  - Shared a draft version of the district’s Strategic Plan Roadmap for input. The roadmap outlines actionable items the district is committed to accomplishing during the 23/24 school year. The roadmap will be brought to the TTUSD Board of Trustees at the September 20th meeting.
    - Feedback provided:
      - Committee members felt it was important for the district and school sites to communicate updates on progress regarding the Strategic Plan frequently. Would also like to see the school sites to provide examples of what is taking place specifically on their campuses in relation to the broader action items. Would like to know how these initiatives are directly impacting students. Student feedback was that it’s important to communicate these initiatives directly to parents to ensure they get the information.
      - Inquired about who manages individual school social media accounts and asked if the district could help provide ideas of topics to post that tie into the Strategic Plan to keep families informed.
      - Discussed the math curriculum pilot taking place (Roadmap item 1.1.1).
      - Heard from student representatives about their efforts and challenges in communicating broadly to students at their site regarding initiatives, upcoming events, etc.
      - KBE rep is excited to see 3.3.2 included in the strategic plan (outdoor education) as it outlines it as a priority.
- Family & Community Engagement Fishbone Activity - Amber Burke
  - This agenda item has been pushed to the October meeting to allow for ample discussion time.
- Parent Roundtable - School Updates
  - TLE: Back to school night was last week, PTO potluck BBQ is on 9/20, which the community is excited to have happening again.
  - NTS: Social happening on 9/14
  - KBE: Back to School Night is happening on 9/14, and the KBE Walk-a-Thon, planned by PACE, is taking place on 10/20. There is a joint B&GC and PACE family dinner from 5pm - 7pm next week. It’s a great opportunity for the KBE community to get together and build relationships. They are trying to hold these once a month during the school year. Reps mentioned that the new gate/fence installed over the summer has been a great success from both a safety and operations standpoint; “it feels easier and safer,” and the new drop-off procedure is working well.

- NTHS: Back to School Night was on 9/12, the new parent Clubapalooza is on 9/18, and homecoming is in mid-October. There is a lot of new staff at the school, and there has been great energy this year. NTHS is implementing its cell phone policy, which parents are appreciative of - they hope the school will continue to enforce it.
- THS: Homecoming is coming up soon, the theme is Back to the Future. Friday Night Lights theme is white out, and the homecoming dance theme is blackout with glowsticks. The Powder Puff game is on 9/19. Students mentioned the issue of smoking in the bathrooms and said it's hampering students' abilities to use the restrooms. Keeping the doors open does not help the situation and only creates awkwardness. They ask staff to explore bathroom sensors to monitor/detect smoking. They also suggested that TTUSD explore district-wide student events by grade so high school/middle/elementary students can meet the other students within the district who are of similar age groups. They also mentioned their new outside Back to School rally event was very successful.
- GES: GES is fully staffed, including the new wellness center coordinator. The switch to having 1st and 5th graders have lunch together and the 2nd and 4th graders have lunch together has been positive and has helped to remedy some behavior issues.
- Parent representatives asked for a transportation update. Superintendent Kramer reported there are still approximately 7-8 bus driver openings. Due to this shortage, bus routes from the 22.23 school year are still running, but new routes have been added. A parent asked if the district could clarify field trips and if they are possible this year in upcoming communications.
- Adjourned