

Fairbanks North Star Borough School District
Parent Engagement Committee Notes
April 14, 2021

Call to Order

Jennifer Luke called the committee meeting to order at 5:36 p.m. (no quorum at that time). Mrs. Sassman arrived at 5:43 p.m. giving the committee an official quorum.

Present

Jennifer Luke, Chair (dropped off line @ 5:45pm)
Yumi McCulloch, Administrator Support
Deb Bennett, FEA
Sarah Dimmick, FEA
Carla Marquand, Secondary Principal
Karen Blackburn, Parent
Candice Duncan, Parent
Katy Hardman, Parent
Meagen Sassman, Parent (joined @ 5:43pm)

Absent

Alicia Lewis, Elementary Principal, excused
Zachary Vehmeier, ESSA expected
Keira O'Connor, Student, expected
Lauren Franzen, Parent, expected
Chelsey Ayen, Parent, expected

AGENDA [41:02]

BENNETT MOVED, MARQUAND SECONDED, TO ADOPT THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. NO OBJECTIONS, MOTION CARRIED.

PARENT ENGAGEMENT STATEMENT AND SCHOOL-PARENT-STUDENT COMPACT OVERVIEW [3:26-39:30]

Helen Clark wasn't available; Mrs. Randall reported to the committee and provided the [District Family Engagement Plan](#) & Title 1 Schools Compact: [Sample ARC](#).

- Joint development and engaging families (pg. 10-11)
- How we offer technology support to our schools to ensure proper support for engagement (pg. 11)
- How we are meeting needs of families (data review in January)-If plans are working, then students should be thriving- student achievement is key.
- What evidence based strategies do we use and how do develop, revise and review the plan?
 - Reserve 1% of Title 1 funds has to be reserved for family engagement; separate family engagement budget.
 - Building Capacity of Parents and Family Members- Input: [10:25] pg. 10
 - How are your schools providing assistance to family members and parents, understanding the state academic standards, state and local assessments, how to monitor your child's progress and how to work with educators to improve the achievement of children and requirements of Title 1 part A.
 - Discussion ensued: [13:00-27:00]

- Building Capacity of Parents and Family Matters [27:30] pg. 10
 - Discussion ensued

COVID-19 FEEDBACK [42:05-1:00]

Committee discussion ensued on topics of:

- How are things going with your student, staff, family?
- Communication? Vaccinations? Grades? Future planning?
- Discussion ensued:
 - Students are acting like it's the end of the year. Everyone is burned out and taking things day by day.
 - Appreciation to teachers who are in the schools making it happen. Hope for individuals to feel safe and secure because parents are so happy to have kids back in school.
 - Happy to be back in school but dealing with close contact exposure is rough but understandable.
 - Feedback: testimony to board regarding busing and school start time change- not sure making these dramatic changes during these times is the best choice. *Mrs. Luke responded [48:00-55:00]
 - Seasonal allergies- frustrating while dealing with symptomatic chart for COVID.
 - Future Meeting Topic: Structures and what we can change? This interruption we have experienced is an opportunity to change structures and habits that we have taken for granite that haven't always been beneficial to students. How can we collaborate to leverage this opportunity to make the changes we have always wanted to see in our schools?

COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Luke would like to send out communication to PEC members asking to provide feedback regarding this past school year and how COVID impacted your family in a positive way; what changed; and how did your family adapt? (see attached)

ADJOURNMENT [1:02]

MARQUAND MOVED, BENNETT SECONDED, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. NO OBJECTIONS, MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Submitted by Erin Poland, executive assistant to the superintendent