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Addison Central School District
Communications and Engagement Committee
Committee Meeting
Wednesday, July 19, 2023, 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm
208 Charles Avenue, Middlebury VT & Virtual Connection

In-Person Attendance
Mary Heather Noble; Tricia Allen
Remote Attendance
Ellie Romp

A. Call to Order Upon Reaching a Quorum Meeting called to order at 4:37 p.m.

B. Introductions: Board Members, Administrators and Staff

C. Public Comment

No public comment.

D. Recommendation to Approve the Minutes of June 7, 2023 Motion to approve minutes of June 7, 2023.

Move: Tricia Allen Second: Ellie Romp Status: Passed

E. Committee Discussion:

1. ACSD Voicemails

Mary Heather Noble reported that she has been continuing to check the ACSD Board voicemail every Monday, and that the only message received was one from a woman who resides in the Addison Northwest School District. She had left a message indicating her strong disapproval of the Anti-trans presentation that had been hosted at the Vergennes High School. Mary Heather reported that she contacted the woman to direct her complaint to the appropriate school district. No other voice mail messages have been received since then.

2. Review Board Website Content

Mary Heather Noble reminded the group that the new website is up and running, and that the Board pages have been slightly reorganized. The task before the Committee is to review the pages and provide updates/edits as needed, with a specific focus on streamlining the descriptive content.

The committee reviewed and edited the "About the Board," "Board Meetings," "Committee Meetings" and "Policies and Procedures" pages. Mary Heather Noble created a Google Doc with suggested edits, which will be provided to Emily Blistein for posting.

Mary Heather will edit the Board member bios and share them with Board members to get their final approval. She will also talk to Jason Chance, Chair of the Facilities Committee to get some additional information before the C&E Committee tackles revisions to the "Facilities Master Plan" page.

Review/update work will continue in the next C&E Committee meeting, scheduled for August 2, 2023.

F. Other Business/Next Meeting

Tricia Allen asked if the Board traditionally attends any back-to-school events or otherwise makes itself available at the beginning of the school year. She suggested having a Board member present at Open houses and other similar events, so people from the public can ask or submit questions at gatherings that have already been planned. Mary Heather agreed to bring this idea to the next meeting and the full Board for contemplation.

G. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Motion to adjourn.

Move: Mary Heather Noble Second: Tricia Allen Status: Passed

*Public Comment Guidelines:
Public comments are encouraged and welcome at each regular board meeting during the period designated for public comment. Comments are limited to three minutes per person. Citizens will be called to make their statement by the board chair. Public comments regarding personnel, students or legal matters will not be heard by the Board.