

FOX CHAPEL AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Purpose

The purpose of community engagement is to create a collaborative environment in which students, parents/guardians, families, residents, businesses, and community organizations are encouraged and invited to be involved stakeholders in the school community. Such engagement strengthens broad-based community support for the school district's mission, goals, operations and educational programs.

Definition

Community engagement is defined as an ongoing collaborative process in which the school district works with the public to build understanding, guidance, and active support for the education of students in the community.

Authority

The Board endorses the concept that community engagement is essential for the school district and the community to maintain mutual understanding, respect and trust, and to work together to improve the quality of education for district students. The Board intends, through this two-way communication, to identify the community's concerns, needs and suggestions, and to be responsive to the community through the Board's actions.

The Board recognizes that members of the public may have skills, training, or experience that could benefit the district in an advisory capacity.

The Superintendent, with assistance from the administration and Board, shall determine the appropriate strategy when utilizing the community engagement process.

Flyers

The district will provide an opportunity for school-based and nonschool-based nonprofit organizations to advertise information pertaining to our district students to parents/guardians through our electronic web site. The office of the Deputy Superintendent must approve all flyers.

The Board directs the administration to develop a planned program of community engagement that regularly provides opportunities for students, parents/guardians, families, residents, businesses and community organizations to participate in dialogue and decision-making related to district-wide and school-based issues.

Delegation of Responsibility

The administration shall develop and use varied, effective communication methods to ensure that all community members receive information about district and school programs and the available opportunities to become actively involved.

The Board and administration shall give substantial weight to the input received from the community. When evaluating the community's suggestions, the Board and administration will consider the impact on the district's goals, operations, educational programs, and financial resources and, most importantly, the impact upon all district students. Recommendations made by the community shall not reduce the authority or responsibility of the Board, which may accept or reject such recommendations.

Guidelines

The district shall communicate to the community the Board's decision and its rationale regarding an issue involving community engagement.[\[1\]](#)

Legal

[1. 24 P.S. 510](#)