

School Board Subcommittee to develop charter to establish a Citizens' Advisory Committee to Examine Family, School and Community Engagement

Monday, October 14, 7:00 p.m.

TRHS Library

In attendance:

Kate Delfino

Roger Barczak

Nancy Steenson

Ted Parigian

Rob Collins

Mrs. Delfino opened by thanking everyone for their attendance. She informed everyone that under Timberlane policy, the central purpose of advisory committees is:

1. Conducting studies
2. Identifying problems
3. Developing recommendations

The recommendation was made that the School Board would appoint community members to this committee, and the superintendent would appoint staff members.

The number suggested for this committee would be 8 or 9 members; all schools and towns should be represented.

At 7:28 p.m. Mr. Collins left the meeting.

Mrs. Delfino shared the National PTA's National Standards for Family-School Partnerships as a possible model for this committee. Rubrics are available to apply to our district.

Mrs. Delfino informed everyone that Winfried Feneberg had started a discussion with staff regarding communication and PR within the district. Mrs. Delfino met with Mr. Feneberg to talk about and avoid potential crossover.

It was mentioned that Strategy 1.1 of the TRSD Strategic Plan supports the goal of forming this committee. It is part of the drive of the School Board to make Timberlane a peak-performance district.

How to recruit for this committee: The options discussed were nominations from Timberlane PTA's, and nominations from community relations committee members. As mentioned earlier, a staff member would be nominated by the superintendent, and a School Board liaison (non-voting) would also be part of this committee. Mrs. Delfino volunteered to be said liaison.

Mission of committee: To examine family, school, and community engagement

Timeline:

Form committee/appoint members by end of November

Immediately thereafter, convene for first meeting, elect a chairperson, and develop bylaws.

Goals:

1. To have committee present a preliminary report to the School Board on the third Thursday in February.
2. An action plan is to be developed by April 1.
3. Committee will report monthly to School Board
4. Target date to dissolve committee: December 2013