



**Board of Education
School and Community Relations Committee**

March 26, 2026

6 – 7 PM

Board of Education Room

Minutes

Present: R. Hershberg, M. Walker, B. Bass (ex-officio), K. Slentz

The committee convened the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

1. Framing the work

Committee

- a. Review and approval of the agenda

The committee approved the agenda.

2. Updates and Recommendations

Administration

- a. Review of District [Goal 4](#)

i. Communications

The committee discussed the need for common conventions for communicating with parents. Ensuring that all communications:

- a. include who, what, where, when, and why elements;*
- b. contain direct links to information (instead of linking only to the website);*
- c. provide maximum lead time for events (e.g., send two weeks ahead of time);*
- d. provide reminders closer to the date of the event; and*
- e. are shared on multiple platforms,*

would help improve consistency in communication. K. Slentz will work with building administrators to accomplish this.

K. Slentz updated the committee on examples of how the district is engaging the community in our work as noted in district goal number four.

These examples include:

- 1. The community engagement ad hoc committee;*
- 2. The facilities planning advisory committee;*
- 3. The DEI task force;*
- 4. The partnership (PTSA, Spring, and DF Schools Foundation);*
- 5. The planning for an Alumni Association in collaboration with the Foundation; and*
- 6. The planning of a PTSA-sponsored community mural*

- b. [Parent Square](#) follow-up: Pilot in 2026-27

K. Slentz updated the committee on the upcoming pilot using the Parent Square app for two-way communication between the district, including teachers and

coaches, and parents. The app would allow the district to have more of a “one stop shop” for communications with families.

3. Discussion Items

a. Community [ad hoc committee](#) survey questions and next steps

The committee reviewed the survey questions drafted in response to the ad hoc advisory committee members’ suggestions. K. Slentz will update the draft and share it with the ad hoc committee.

4. Next Meeting

Committee

a. June 11, 2026

K. Slentz noted that administration anticipate requesting meetings prior to June 11.

5. Adjourn

Committee

The committee adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.