

ACE Meeting Minutes

The purpose of the Advisory Council for Education is to provide a systematic representative public involvement in educational decisions under consideration by the Board of Directors.

Nov. 14, 2024
6:00-7:30 p.m.

Members Present

Terrie Bertrand, Erika Coghill, Kari Henderson-Burke, Ryan Johnson, Britt Kleinman, Aly Kleinman, Mary Levesque, Anne McAlvey, Cheryl McGuire, Hillary McGuire, Gary Sabol, Chrys Sweeting, Kiera Wilson

Guest Present

Brian Lewis

Call to Order

6:02

Approval of minutes

Erika Coghill made a motion, seconded by Anne McAlvey, to approve the Oct. 3, 2024 meeting minutes. The minutes were approved by voice vote.

Safety and Security Update

Brian Lewis, Executive Director of Operations, provide the committee with an update on Safety and Security in the district. The following topics were discussed:

- Maslow's hierarchy of needs
- Safety and Security Framework
- SafeSchools Alert Tipline
- Response to Emergencies
- Safe Visitor
- Number of calls for Arlington Police Service at APS campuses. AHS had the most but these dropped from the previous year.
- Number of Student Threat Assessments (STAs)
 - o 2020-2021 STAs = 9
 - o 2021-2022 STAs = 13
 - o 2022-2023 STAs = 27
 - o 2023-2024 STAs = 37
- Report, Don't Repost
 - o Inform students and families of importance of reporting safety and security issues to authorities instead of sharing on social media
 - o Reporting to authorities first allows quicker response

- Reporting provides opportunity to minimize panic-based responses of school community
- Reposting threats causes confusion

Capital Projects Update

- One more project for 2020 levy- Presidents Elementary envelope improvement project
- SVLC Improvements (funded by 2024 Capital Levy): toilet room replacement, ramps on all portables- aluminum, some siding repair and HVAC units replaced
- Haller field this winter, demolishing grandstands. Grandstands are rotten and unsafe, will be replaced with aluminum bleachers, 200 seats, also repairing the field (has divots), field will be closed until August 2025
- RFQ for architectural services- McGranahan was selected

Student Advisors

- Kiera- AHS, No updates from AHS, play went well
- Aly- Nothing new, Advisory is wild!
- Character Strong is not really practiced at AHS...

District Updates

- Capital Levy election
- AHS Tempest Production
- Fall Season Playoff
- Student Voices at Pioneer
- SAC Mental Health Forum
- Veterans' Day Tributes
- Staff Voices

Closing

Erika Coghill made a motion, seconded by Anne McAlvey to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Next Meeting- Dec. 5 in the Lincoln Room at the District Office