

## 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.*

**March 7, 2024**  
**6:00-7:30 p.m.**

### **Members Present**

Alyssa Acosta, Terrie Bertrand, Sarah Blake, Erika Coghill, Grant Cramer, Megan Hodgson, Stacy Jacobs, Britt Kleinman, Mary Levesque, Karrie Marsh, Arissa Matthews, Anne McAlvey, Alex Pincus, Adrienne Pournadeali, Gary Sabol, Chrys Sweeting

### **Guest Present**

Karl Olson

### **Call to Order**

6:00 p.m.

### **Approval of meeting minutes**

Anne McAlvey made a motion, seconded by Erica Coghill, to approve the Feb. 1, 2024 meeting minutes. The minutes were approved by voice vote.

### **Work Groups**

Dr. Sweeting asked the ACE members to join a committee to address the following items:

- Increasing Family and Community Involvement and Partnerships
- Legislative Issues that may or are impacting schools, What can we do?
- FAQs by our families, communities and students

### **Categorical Programs Update**

Karl Olson, Director of Categorical Programs, provided an update on the Categorical Programs in Arlington Public Schools.

### **Title I, Part A**

- Federal Funds
- \$759,000 granted for 2023-24
- PreK-12 for assistance in reading, writing, and math
- Schools with a poverty average of at least 35% qualify for the Targeted Assistance Program
- Schools with a poverty average of at least 40% qualify for the Schoolwide program
- Eagle Creek and Kent Prairie both operate a Schoolwide program
- Buildings are rank ordered by free/reduced lunch count to receive funds (Eagle Creek, Kent Prairie)

## ***Learning Assistance Program***

- State funds
- \$1,576,000 granted for 2023-24
- For K-12 assistance in reading, writing, math and readiness of those subjects
- Behavior Intervention Support (C.A.R.E. team)
- All five elementary schools receive LAP funding
- Funded LAP support for SVLC for the second year in a row.

## ***Transitional/Bilingual***

- State funds
- \$647,000 granted for 2023-24
- To address the needs of eligible students so each may develop language proficiency that enables meaningful access to grade level curricula and instruction.
- Promotes a two-way language system of instruction.
- Increase in qualified students (currently at 358 from 270's in 2021-22)

## ***Title III and Title IV***

- Federal funds
- \$47,430 for Title III granted for 2023-24 plus carryover
- \$47,500 for Title IV granted for 2023-24
- Supports supplemental instruction and services for language acquisition
- Provides language support for qualified students who are Native American/Alaska Native

## ***Highly Capable***

- State funds through apportionment
- \$186,000 anticipated funding for 2023-24
- To provide instruction, activities and services that accelerate learning and offer unique academic challenge for K-12 learners identified as highly capable.
- Students qualify for HCP through academic and cognitive assessments
- A continuum of services must be offered and programming is designed based on the individual need of each student.

## ***District Informational Updates***

- The EP&O and Capital Levies passed but the Post bond did not pass
- Arlington High School held their senior dinner night
- Student advisor applications for next year are going out to secondary students
- The AHS Drama production of Footloose was amazing!

## ***Student Updates and Perspectives***

- Grant shared that winter sports just finished and he's looking forward to spring sports starting.

**Closing- Anne, Erica, 7:30,**  
**Next Meeting: April 11**