

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 6, 2025
6:00-7:30 p.m.

Members Present

Nicolas Bleken, Ryan Johnson, Mary Levesque, Karrie Marsh, Arissa Matthews, Anne McAlvey, Cheryl McGuire, Hillary McGuire, Chrys Sweeting, Franklin Vincezni, Kiera Wilson

Guests Present

Karl Olson

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m.

Approval of minutes

Hillary McGuire made a motion, seconded by Anne McAlvey, to approve the Jan. 9, 2025 meeting minutes. The minutes were approved by voice vote.

Categorical Program

Karl Olson, Director of Categorical Programs, provided an update on Categorical Programs to the committee.

Title 1

- Title 1, Part A Programs – amount of grant – expenditures – family engagement – pd- homeless support

LAP

- LAP – 1.7 million – All 4 elementary Schools & SVLC - Supports SEL – staffing - CARE - Cool Bus – Credit Retrieval and other costs
- Hi-Poverty LAP – above 50% - Open Doors and Weston – library for Open Doors students – furniture – afterschool tutoring – financial literacy
- KEY Events & Outcomes – Curriculum and material assessment – SEL screener – Full time paras – Expanding support beyond grade level
- Implementing ISS – Integrated Systems Support Protocol
- Communication with Staff & Families – activities for kindergarten – Elementary parent surveys – Cool Bus for summer – Data (looking for at least one year growth but we want to close the gap so more is needed)
- Professional Development Opportunities – remedial – and more

MLL

- MLL – Asset – based mindset – strengthen practices – engage students & families
- Transitional Bilingual – state funds \$708,000 - We have 375 qualified students –
- Title III & IV – more for providing PD – tailor what we do – Native/Tribal
- Increase newcomer success at all levels- we are getting more students from all over the world
- Decrease dual-qualified ML & SPED
- Co-Teaching and clustering K-12 and coaching - going well
- Future family gatherings
- Expanded coaching possibilities
- Collaboration with other districts
- Translation work
- Communication with Families – Language Access Work – Website work – tutor supports and more
- Challenges – WIDA assessment results – Elementary good results – MS challenging schools (we will put more support in elementary at 4-5 so they are more prepared for middle school- motivation is a factor –

Highly Capable Programs – state funded- \$195,000 for 24-25

- Key Events & Outcomes – clustering goal and various programs
- Over 1 year growth
- Coaching – PD for teachers –
- Screening at two grades at 2nd and 5th
- Next year 25-26– enrichment model
- PD opportunities
- Data – math growth – some did 3.6 years of growth all did at least one year's growth
- Student survey – 81 responses –

Early Learning/APPLE – 80 students

- Set apart readiness for students
- English language development
- \$700+ in County/State/Federal funds
- There is a push for all day preschool - \$ for all day vs half time

Summer Programs

- Math learning kits - books – all elementary schools – Legion Park location this year – other resources – 100 students checked out books 438 students connected to the program.
- Credit Retrieval at the HS – goal is to help students to be on track for graduation -

Student Perspectives

ACE students shared during categorical programs regarding math instruction in the middle schools

District Updates

Dr. Sweeting shared the following updates:

- AHS Spring Musical: Into the Woods- March 7-8
- Kindergarten Registration has started
- Education Support Professionals Week
- Mental Health Forum- April 2 at 6 pm at Haller MS
- Post Middle School next steps
- Spring Break- April 7-11

Closing

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Next meeting- April 3 in the Lincoln Room at the District Office.