

## 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.*

**April 11, 2024**  
**6:00-7:30 p.m.**

### **Members Present**

Terrie Bertrand, Megan Hodgson, Britt Kleinman, Mary Levesque, Anne McAlvey, Hillary McGuire, Cheryl McGuire, Alex Pincus, Adrienne Pournadeali, Gary Sabol, Chrys Sweeting, Kiera Wilson

### **Guest Present**

Ed Aylesworth, Kristen Satra, Brian Lewis

### **Call to Order**

6:01 p.m.

### **Approval of meeting minutes**

Anne McAlvey made a motion, seconded by Mary Levesque, to approve the March 7, 2024 meeting minutes. The minutes were approved by voice vote.

### **Student Nutrition Update**

Ed Aylesworth, Director of Child Nutrition and Support Services, and Kristen Satra, Assistant Supervisor for Child Nutrition, provided an update to ACE on the Child Nutrition. Ed provided a timeline of how the school lunch program has evolved over the years.

### **Community Eligibility Program (CEP)**

CEP-required 40% or higher free and reduced for Direct Certification

- Weston
  - Expanded meal options for students
  - Added till
    - Students can now purchase a second meal
- Stillaguamish Valley Learning Center (SVLC)

### **Breakfast after the Bell**

Breakfast After the Bell (BAB) means a breakfast that is offered to students after the beginning of the school day.

- Weston
  - Weston added a vending machine that dispenses meals for students who may arrive late. It's also useful for Open Doors students who visit Weston at different times.

### **HB 1238**

House Bill 1238 (HB 1238) requires Local Education Agencies (LEAs) to provide meals at no cost to students enrolled at elementary schools where 30% or more of children are eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Kent Prairie, SVLC and Weston met this threshold in 2023-24. Ed showed results of the program. Eagle Creek and Presidents will meet this threshold in the 2024-25 school year.

### **Capital Levy**

The 2024 Capital Levy will provide funding to upgrade the main kitchen at Presidents Elementary.

### **Work Groups**

Action steps were developed for each of the three groups

### **Student Updates and Perspectives**

- Students shared updates with the committee.

### **Closing**

Anne McAlvey made a motion, seconded by Alex Pincus, to end the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

### **Next Meeting, May 9**