

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.

Jan. 9, 2025
6:00-7:30 p.m.

Members Present

Terrie Bertrand, Britt Kleinman, Aly Kleinman, Karrie Marsh, Arissa Matthews, Anne McAlvey, Cheryl McGuire, Hillary McGuire, Adrienne Pournadeali, Gary Sabol, Chrys Sweeting, Franklin Vincenzi, Kiera Wilson

Guests Present

Brian Lewis, Brian Long, Lisa Rodino

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

Approval of minutes

Chrys Sweeting made a motion, seconded by Karrie Marsh, to approve the Dec. 4, 2024 meeting minutes. The minutes were approved by voice vote.

Levy presentation

Dr. Chrys Sweeting, Superintendent, and Brian Lewis, Executive Director of Operations, told the committee about the upcoming Capital Levy to replace Post Middle School.

Based on feedback received following the November Capital Levy, the amount was reduced from \$81 million to \$75 million. To accomplish this, the size of the school was reduced from 120,000 sq ft to 101,000 sq ft. To put it into perspective, the current Post is about 75,000 sq ft. The new building will also be designed for future expansion if needed.

Committee members were encouraged to vote by Feb. 11.

CTE and Internships

Brian Long, Director of College and Career Readiness, and Lisa Rodino, School to Work Coordinator, provided an update on Career and Technical Education (CTE) and internships to the ACE committee. CTE classes try to create an ecosystem of opportunity. There are guest speakers in the classes and there's a connection to the world of work

Curriculum

- Teachers are content experts, following curriculum from OSPI and/or update it every year

- Advisory boards- They meet three times a year with community advisory members to make sure they're aligned with standards
- Model behaviors and skills associated with a career field
- CTE teachers have additional training with industry experience
- Expected to have continuing education throughout their career
- Evaluations

Sno-Isle

- Provides more options for students- trained by content professionals that come from industry

Summer Internships

- 13 students completed internships in Summer 2024
- Internships start after school ends
- Students can contact Ms. Rodino to sign up
- Businesses and nonprofits can reach out to Ms. Rodino if they need interns

Student Perspectives

Mental health and 504 discussions. Students shared that advisory classes aren't the best. There was a good discussion about ADHD and students.

District Updates

Dr. Sweeting shared the following updates:

- Leg conference- Jan. 11-12
- Jan 2025 Legislative Session Begins
- January is School Board Appreciation Month
- MLK Day Celebrations
- Capital Levy Forum, Jan. 23

Closing

Anne McAlvey made a motion, seconded by Terrie Bertrand, to adjourn to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Next meeting- Feb. 6 in the Lincoln Room at the District Office.