

Meeting Minutes: Governmental Affairs Committee

Date/Time: November 7, 2023 – 7:30 a.m.

Location: District Office Board Room

Start: 7:30 a.m. **End:** 8:04 a.m.

Committee Members Present: Robin Nelson, Katie Christensen, Greg Clark, and Nikkie Gullickson (Remote)

Committee Members Absent: Nyamal Dei

Board Members Present:

Staff Members Present: Tara Brandner, Dr. Rupak Gandhi, and Bill Westrick

Recorder: Amy Patterson

Agenda Item	Discussion – Conclusion	Recommendations/Actions
Approval of October 3, 2023 Meeting Minutes	The committee reviewed and approved the minutes of the October 3, 2023 meeting.	Minutes will be posted on the Board’s section of the public website.
Special Session Debrief	Chair Robin Nelson noted that this topic has already been largely addressed and that this special session was a good indicator of what to expect in the regular session.	
Proposed Resolution	Tara Brandner presented a draft Resolution for Committee review, based on information discussed at the last meeting. The Committee reviewed the Resolution and discussion was had on each of the clauses within the Resolution. Further Committee discussion was had on the process for finalizing the Resolutions and the plans for next steps.	Tara Brandner to wordsmith and cleanup the Honesty in Education into a Resolution format.
Work on Philosophies and Rationale	<p>The Committee reviewed the Fargo Public Schools’ philosophies. These philosophies will guide our work and will be our standards.</p> <p>Honesty in Education – Discussion was had on the way this Committee views Honesty in Education. This includes a) limiting what can be taught in schools, limiting health education, and banning books. Dr, Gandhi shared an article on research showing that those students who read controversial books have positive outcomes rather than detrimental outcomes. Committee discussion was had on Honesty in Education.</p>	Committee to analyze the philosophies further and distill it down to advocacy topics.
Next Meeting Date	The next meeting will be Tuesday, December 5, 2023, at 7:30 a.m. in the District Office Board Room.	
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