

Meeting Minutes: Communications, Engagement and Advocacy (CEA) Committee **Date/Time:** Tuesday, December 21, 2021

Location: Board room

Start: 7:37 a.m.

End: 8:33 a.m.

Committee Members Present: Rebecca Knutson, Seth Holden, Tracie Newman **On Phone:** Nikkie Gullickson, Jennifer Benson

Administrators/Staff Members Present: Rupak Gandhi, AnnMarie Campbell **Recorder:** Betsy Beaton

Vice Chair Seth Holden facilitated the meeting as committee Chair Nikkie Gullickson called in via phone to the meeting.

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Minutes	The minutes of the September 17 minutes were reviewed.	The minutes were approved and will be posted on the Board section of the public website.
State of the Schools Update	<p>Dr. Gandhi gave an update on the State of the Schools Address and Public Focus Group. The Strategic Plan is the main topic of the questions for the focus groups. Based on the feedback gained at this event, the District will begin a renewal process of the Strategic Plan. Feedback from the Focus Groups will be given to each department as consideration for updates. A renewed Strategic Plan will be compiled in the Spring of 2022 and an updated version will be presented to the Board in Fall 2022.</p> <p>Registration for the State of the Schools event closed on Friday, December 17. Mrs. Campbell reported that 103 people are registered. She noted there are some duplicate registrations. The structure and size of the focus groups will be determined in the coming weeks.</p> <p>Discussion was held on what Board Members’ role is at the event. Dr. Gandhi encouraged Board members to assist in ensuring the discussions within the focus groups stay on the designated questions and topic.</p>	
January Town Hall	<p>The January 10 Town Hall meeting will focus on the updated mitigation strategies that, take effect on Monday, January 17 in our schools. Brenton Nesemeier, Fargo Cass Public Health and Dr. Tracie Newman will help explain and answer questions regarding what the new mitigation requirements mean for close contacts and quarantining.</p>	
Board Election	<p>Mrs. Campbell gave an overview of the filing procedures for the June 2022 Board election. Filing for the election is open Monday, January 3 through Monday, April 11 at 4:00 p.m.</p> <p>Discussion was held on the benefits of holding an informational meeting for those interested in filing for a position on the Fargo Board of Education. The election will be held June 14, 2022. This meeting will give potential candidates/candidates additional information to help them make</p>	

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	an informed decision on running in the election.	Consensus was reached to hold an informational meeting on Tuesday, March 29 at 5:30 p.m. in the Board room. The information session details will be determined in the future.
Collaborating with Area School Boards	<p>Mrs. Gullickson reached out to Jessica Jackson, West Fargo Board of Education, about collaboration between the Boards. Mrs. Gullickson and Ms. Jackson plan to connect after the new year.</p> <p>Discussion was held on what the outcome of these meetings/connections will offer both Boards. Dr. Gandhi suggested setting up a meeting time at National School Boards Association, to get to know West Fargo School Board members, which will pave the way for future communication.</p>	Mrs. Gullickson will connect with Ms. Jackson in the New Year to discuss possibilities.
Other	<p>Discussion was held on the recommendations of the Commission meetings and how to share the information. Mr. Holden shared that we gave a Negotiations update in the December 16 newsletters. Until the Salary and Recess Commission meetings are done, there is no information to share at this time.</p> <p>Board column rotations are as follows for the remainder of the school year: January – Governance, Rebecca Knutson February – CEA, Nikkie Gullickson March – Planning, Jim Johnson April – Governmental Affairs, Robin Nelson May – Negotiations, Seth Holden</p>	It was noted that the January meeting agenda should include a conversation on #FPSLearns videos.
Next Meeting	The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 18 at 7:30 a.m.	The committee is scheduled to meet on the third Tuesday of the month for the 2021-22 school year.