

Meeting Minutes: Communications, Engagement and Advocacy (CEA) Committee **Date/Time:** Tuesday, May 17, 2022

Location: Board room

Start: 7:33 a.m. **End:** 8:48a.m.

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

Administrators/Staff Members Present: Rupak Gandhi, AnnMarie Campbell **Recorder:** Betsy Beaton **Guests:** Melody Staebner, Ricky White, Dr. Tamara Uselman (via phone)

Agenda Item	Discussion – Conclusion	Recommendations or Actions
Minutes	The minutes of the March 15 meeting were reviewed.	The minutes were approved and will be posted on the Board section of the public website.
Land Acknowledgement Statement	<p>Nikkie Gullickson welcomed Ms. Melody Staebner, Indian Education Coordinator, and Mr. Ricky White, Cultural Specialist, to the meeting. Mr. White provided an overview on the process used to draft a Land Acknowledgment Statement for Fargo Public Schools. He also shared rationale for the statement, and how FPS could use the Land Acknowledgment Statement. Mr. White also shared a letter of support from North Dakota State University. Letters for support will also be coming from the Native American Commission and the Indian Education Parent Committee.</p> <p>The Indian Education team has submitted a lesson plan to the North Dakota Native American Essential Understandings curriculum. This lesson plan will give guidance on how to teach about Land Acknowledgment Statements and immerse it across all grade levels.</p> <p>Dr. Gandhi asked when the final statement will be ready and what the bare minimum would be for the use of the statement; Mr. White shared that this statement is in its final form. Ms. Staebner shared that the statement has been used at graduations and back to school events. Mr. White suggested it being used at the start of Board of Education meetings. Mr. White suggested that plaques could be made to be posted in each FPS building.</p> <p>Dr. Gandhi suggested updating the very last statement at the bottom of the drafted Land Acknowledgement Statement, when it is adopted to: “The Board formally adopted utilizing the land Acknowledgement Statement at the June xx, 2022 meeting.”</p> <p>Consensus was reached that the Land Acknowledgement Statement be forwarded to the Board for approval and use in the District. The committee suggests the statement be read at Board meetings, posted in our schools, and used at events.</p>	<p>The Land Acknowledgement Statement will be brought to the Board Governance Committee for inclusion on a future Board agenda. Ms. Gullickson will work with Ms. Campbell and Dr. Gandhi on the memo.</p> <p>Mr. White will be asked to share the statement with our principals.</p> <p>Ms. Gullickson will work with the Indian Education Team to write a Board column about the Land Acknowledgement Statement to be shared in newsletters in the Fall of 2022.</p>

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Conference Reporting Form	<p>Ms. Campbell shared the conference reporting form used in the past by Board members after they attended a conference. Ms. Benson shared that she thinks it beneficial to have a form to document for sharing of the sessions attended and for accountability.</p> <p>Ms. Campbell shared the history on the use of the form. Dr. Gandhi shared information on the rationale for discontinuance of the form. Board members were still able to suggest topics of conversation to a board committee, without the form. Consensus was reached to use the form again in its 2019 version.</p>	<p>The Committee recommended that the form be available for board members to use at conferences, if they chose, in its current state.</p>
NSBA Sessions - Nikkie	<p>This item will be moved to the next CEA Agenda.</p>	
Next Meeting	<p>Discussion occurred on the next meeting date; there is another Board meeting that conflict with the next scheduled meeting date. Consensus was reached that the next meeting be held on Monday, June 6 in the Executive Conference Room at the District Office.</p>	<p>The committee will meet next on June 6 at 7 :30 a.m.</p>