

Meeting Minutes: Communications, Engagement and Advocacy (CEA) Committee **Date/Time:** Friday, January 20, 2023

Location: Board Room

Start: 7:32 a.m.

End: 8:45 a.m.

Committee Members Present: Nikkie Gullickson - chair, Katie Christensen, Greg Clark, Nyamal Dei, Melissa Burkland

Administrators/Staff Members Present: Dr. Gandhi, Betsy Beaton, recorder

Agenda Item	Discussion – Conclusion	Recommendations or Actions
Minutes	The minutes of the December 9 meeting were reviewed.	The minutes were approved and will be posted on the Board section of the public website.
GP-2E Review: School Liaison Visits Discussion	<p>Discussion was held on the draft section of GP-2E regarding the Annual Board Liaison Assignments.</p> <p>Dr. Gandhi and Ms. Campbell update this section, with input from three principals, to include a Board Member's role, purpose, and expectation of the annual liaison visit, versus other visits during the school year.</p> <p>Ms. Christensen questioned the opportunity to visit with staff. Dr. Gandhi explained that this was purposely kept vague, due to circumstances of staff/teacher and Board Members schedules.</p> <p>Ms. Dei questioned the constituent engagement portion of the policy. Specifically, regarding certain subjects that may be regarding District operations.</p>	<p>The draft GP-2E will be brought to a future School Board meeting for review.</p> <p>Dr. Gandhi shared that there is a flow chart for constituent engagement. He will send it to the Board Members as a reminder.</p>
Adding Student Voice	<p>A copy of the Devils Lake policy regarding this topic was shared. Ms. Christensen gave a brief overview of the NDSBA convention session she attended on this topic.</p> <p>Dr. Gandhi gave a history of his experience at previous school districts that did and did not have a student at school board meetings. He shared that students were not consistent attending meetings and did not provide input to the Board, as it is a business meeting.</p> <p>Discussion was held on what is the best way to gain student feedback and if it would be beneficial to add a Board CEA Member or two, to Dr. Gandhi's quarterly Superintendent's Student Cabinet meetings as a liaison assignment.</p> <p>Other opportunities will be considered when topics arise.</p>	<p>The CEA chair and one other person will be invited to future Superintendent's Student Cabinet meetings. Ms. Gullickson and Ms. Christensen will attend the next meeting on February 7 at 11:00 a.m. in the Board Room.</p>
Next meeting	The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 10 at 7:30 a.m. in the Board Room.	February agenda: Explore ideas to engage teachers. Continue discussion regarding student engagement.

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