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Eden Prairie School Board Community Linkage Committee Minutes Thursday, January 28, 2021 1:30 PM via Zoom Conferencing

Charter per Board Policy GP 4.8: This committee will facilitate multiple methods of School Board communication with owners that provide input and inform the School Board of ownership values as they relate to School Board policies, as well as provide valuable information to owners.

Committee Members Present: Debjyoti Dwivedy, Kim Ross, CJ Strehl
District Attendees: None

Agenda:

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Election of Chair
 - Nominations
 - Speeches (if any)
 - Voting
3. Vision 2021 for CLC
4. Discussion about recording of workshops for ISD 272
5. New Business
6. Adjournment

Called to order 1:34 pm Central

Agenda approved unanimously.

Chair Nominations: Kim & CJ Strehl

- CJ Strehl elected as chair.

Kim's Vision:

- Need to hear more voices and learn more about what our community needs from the schools.
- More frequent, organized, and purposeful conversations with our diverse population in EP.
- Identify and improve utilization of communication mechanisms
- Help community improve transparency that we are not a rubber stamp

DD Vision

- Having the conversation with the community – establish cadence, 8600+ families, 40,000 taxpayers (how to engage them) Voice of others in the community in addition to parents.
- Events – FEPS – how to make sure that things like PTOs are funded so that the community knows how important they are to the support of the schools.
- Create an awareness in the Community of the function of the board - what the board does and doesn't do.
- Regular cadence is important.



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CJ Vision

- Key performance metrics of the board – make sure public understands what we’re trying to accomplish and where we’re at. Work with the administration on consistently communicating status.
- Make sure people get to the right person so they can have the right influence, at the right time, with the right person.
- Educating the board on the things we didn’t know we needed to know.

Committee members appeared to support comments and concerns of the other members.

These items were consolidated into a draft workplan for potential discussion at the next SB meeting.

Recording workshops

- Solving for providing context around decisions/facilitating following a conversation.
- Recommend not to record but ensure that important topics that are discussed across meetings can be followed. Need to define what is “important.”

CJ Strehl – motion to recommend that workshops not be recorded, Passed unanimously.

D.D. – will write up recommendation around summary of workshops. We will provide options to board at next formal meeting.

Adjourned at 2:34 pm

DD’s Update included here:

School Board Workshop

Purpose: To document the summary of the discussion that took place in the workshop to follow the continuity of discussion going into a business meeting.

Exceptions: We should NOT record - “Who Said what”.

Why Summary?

Whatever we document is subject to data request. The objective of this documentation is not to have anyone on record but to have a summary which can serve as a memory refresher for internal and external stakeholders for business meeting. So, the committee recommends to note down summary of individual topics discussed in the workshop which CAN be added in the board packet for the following business meeting.

Who is Responsible?

Broader discussion needs to happen on if Brenda can be a resource of that with the help of the Clerk.