

Charge for the Community Conversation Committee (CCC)

Overview

District 97 has a long-standing commitment to community partnership in furtherance of the mission of providing high quality whole child, inclusive, equitable and positive learning environments. In support of this belief, the Board of Education will establish a standing Community Conversation Committee (CCC) that will be comprised primarily of individuals from the community.

Purpose

The CCC will provide the Board of Education and administration with ongoing knowledge, understanding and guidance regarding the District commitment to involve the community in dialogue, deliberation and collaborative thinking around common interests for District 97 schools

Charge

CCC will:

- Review current D97 community engagement mechanisms
- Investigate national trends and best practices regarding community engagement
- Create new mechanisms to promote a two-way dialogue with community stakeholders
- Use technology and public programs to promote information and understanding across the broadest segments of the community
- Develop a plan for sustainable community engagement
- Provide guidance and recommendations to continually enhance community engagement
- Deliver to the board an annual report summarizing the CCC's activities, noting any significant issues or trends during the current year
- Not engage, as a committee, in support of any referendum

Authority

CCC shall be a standing committee of the Board of Education.

Composition

CCC will be composed of individuals representing District 97's community stakeholders.

Will consist of two board members, the Superintendent or his/her designee, and seven board-appointed community members who possess relevant experience and knowledge.

The board will ensure that the community members' participation on the committee will not create a conflict of interest.

One of the community members will serve as chair of the committee. For the first two-year term, the board will appoint the chair after which the committee will select its chair.

During the 2016-17 school year, the committee will allow for a staggered term limit, with half of the community members serving for one year and the other half serving for two. This will be a one-time only occurrence that will help ensure long-term consistency and continuity on the committee.

CCC will meet monthly.

Open Meetings

All meetings will be subject to the Illinois Open Meetings Act.