



**Eden Prairie School Board
Board Development Committee Meeting Minutes
Saturday, October 12, 2023
ASC, Rice Lake Meeting Room, Eden Prairie, MN**

Charter per Board Policy GP 4.8.3: This committee will ensure ongoing School Board development and oversee self-monitoring of the School Board's performance related to Governance Process and Board-Management Delegation policies.

**BDC Members Present: Charles Strehl, Dennis Stubbs, Abby Libsack, Robb Virgin, Nick Kramer, and Alex Townsend
Meeting Convened at 4:00 p.m.**

The committee provided an overview of what we are doing to bring information to the board around the topic of screen time. The district provided an overview of how they have been implementing intentional professional development and share a white paper on the topic.

We discussed how the district is not measuring the time spent on devices and that there are state statutes that protect district surveillance of student technology interaction. It is unclear exactly what is allowed/not allowed (keystrokes/websites= clearly no, time on devices, aggregated data not at student level- TBD?)

The group had a significant observation as we were discussing the intentional effort made for EPO to have students build bonds, connections, and interactions even though they are full online. Nick commented that it is a special focus and is different than “brick and mortar” because it is a given that these interactions happen in the physical school. The team had a significant discussion around why it is “given” and whether it is actually “given” that these interactions will/would be protected in the future as technology becomes better and more ubiquitous in our lives. This discussion seemed to create a lot of additional questions and concerns for all in the room (examples included the benefits of VR/AR and digital assistants from efficiency and effectiveness towards the ENDS, but that they would have potential negative side effects as well of loss of human-human interaction).

There was discussion on how the district measures the intentional focus on student-to-student interfaces...and no conclusion was made on how this would be consistently applied across the district. Director Stubbs shared a story of a parent that switched schools in district because they “believed” the other elementary school had more interaction/less screen time. The team found this surprising as we wouldn’t expect variances across schools.

**Next Steps:**

We agreed to meet again now that we have level set the discussion. Our hope is that the next meeting can focus on further diving into how we can protect human-human interactions. Additionally, we will be discussing a possible speaker and what the district would like to include in a potential board discussion.

Meeting adjourned: 5:07pm