

## **Community Engagement Committees Principal Feedback**

*In collaboration with PTOs, promote and assist with District and school-based community outreach activities to increase and improve community engagement and volunteerism.*

*Assist the Principal in establishing partnerships with business, government and community organizations.*

### Successes:

- Collaborative partnership with PTO
- Occurs, but not through CEC
- CEC developed this year (MTV)
- SHS Service Day with 410 volunteers
- Volunteer Coordinator functions in this role (ISB)
- CEC/Site Council/Safety Committee
- NIKE partnerships with parents
- Church groups

### Who is engaging in this work to realize successes for your school?

- Other HS groups (Boosters, band, choir, athletics, StePP Coordinators, Service Learning
- PTO/CEC
- Site Council/CEC
- PTO
- CEC member is a liaison to PTO
- Our PTO brings in the community not the CEC
- Existing parents reach out to the school and the community, but through CEC

*Serve as a communication link between the public in their respective attendance areas and the School Board.*

### Modes of communication with the Board

- None
- Minutes
- Newsletters?

### What group serves in this capacity?

- School board rep with the CEC – Board member does not really connect
- Principal
- CEC's do not communicate with the Board, Principal does follow up

*Function as steward and advisor to the Principal...regarding building and campus use, and promote safe and sustainable practices in campus operations.*

*Make decisions on request for use of school property.*

Successes:

- Expedited decision-making executed by Principal, when needed, and by CEC when time allows.
- CEC (simple and basic function)
- Primary function of CEC
- Old LSC
- Inter-Art Advisory Council (ACMA)

Who is engaging in this work to realize successes for your school?

- None
- Principal
- Assistant Principals
- CEC
- School Secretaries

**General Comments:**

- Why can work not be integrated into an already existing committee, i.e. Site Council, PTO?
- PTO is doing a lot of this work.
- Very redundant with other groups.
- High schools have so many engagement groups due to athletics/activities already.
- Role of site council needs to be examined too.
- Is the board actively recruiting members as stated in the policy?
- What is the real purpose of CEC?
- At the middle level, PTO is connection to outside groups and volunteerism.
- At the high school, it's a function of club, sports, fundraising plans, etc.
- CEC's have recently been used to streamline and improve afterschool activities to improve overall function within the school system. (Elem)
- This work happens more organically vs. having an organized committee. The committee feels forced. We are looking for other things for this group to do because the work does take place in schools via other vehicles.
- BIG SUGGESTION: ONE group – PTO, CEC, Site Council
- Unfunded mandate. There is a purpose for the board, but you cannot force parents and community members to come to a meeting to do what the school board wants.
- How a school board member has not come if it is that important.
- No decision making in terms of building use. Just paperwork
- Parents do not want to engage the businesses and the larger community. They want to lend their strengths to the school, not cultivate relationships with businesses.
- STEM Community Group is CEC.