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Community Collaboration Committee Purpose Statement:

The Community Collaboration Committee is a link between the Hastings School District and the ISD200 community. The committee focuses on identifying avenues to continuously improve the district's communication process for increased transparency and to better articulate the district's goals with its stakeholders. The committee seeks opportunities for shared learning, knowledge, awareness, experience, and growth to create a stronger, more united community.

Summary of February 25, 2026 Community Collaboration Committee Meeting

Date & Time: Wednesday February 25, 2026 at 4:30-6:00 P.M.

Location: District Offices, Room B

In Attendance:

Elaine Mikel-Mulder, Matt Bruns, and Dr. Kristine Wehrkamp Herman

Meeting Goals

- Identify priorities for future planning based on strengths, concerns, and emerging trends.
- Discuss Event priorities and form.

Meeting Highlights

The Committee Discussed and highlighted the following:

- There was discussion surrounding future meetings and events.
- There was discussion surrounding how to pursue a multi-session series of events to collect perspective, reflection, and insight from the community pertaining to future levy pursuits. Each session is meant to build on the prior to enhance engagement.
- There was discussion surrounding an event tailored specifically to restoration with the community and the board based on the school perceptions survey. The intent of this event would be to strengthen board- community relationships following prior tensions and survey data.
- There was discussion around the exploration and creation of a land acknowledgment, partnering with the indigenous community.
- There was discussion around coming up with a "discussion bank" for future meetings to provide for engaging conversations with the community.
- There was discussion around how to advertise and circulate invitation for our future events.
- There was discussion surrounding communications from the community and if there were any items raised that should be discussed in the work session.

Next Committee Meeting:

March 11, 2026, from 5:00–6:00 p.m., focused on discussing form for future meetings.