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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 March 11 2026 Community Collaboration Committee Meeting

Date & Time: Wednesday March 11, 2026 at 5:00-6:00 P.M.

Location: District Offices, Room B

In Attendance:

Elaine Mikel-Mulder, Philip Biermaier, Matt Bruns, Kari Gorr and Dr. Kristine Wehrkamp Herman

Meeting Goals

- Make a plan for the community event on April 1, 2026.
- Discuss topics of event and facilitation with Kari Gorr.
- Discuss Framework for event.
- Discuss "marketing plan" for event.

Meeting Highlights

The Committee Discussed and highlighted the following:

- There was discussion surrounding proposed form for April 1, 2026 meetings.
- There was discussion around the purposes of the process for the series meetings; namely, to strengthen relationships and build trust between the school board, district and broader community.
- We prepared proposed questions for event: 1) What is working well, 2) Where are there opportunities for growth and 3) What ideas do we have to build our relationship stronger.
- We proposed the use of the innovation framework from Dave Webb's model for the meeting and use of the Homerun Leadership app in order to collect information from the community and capture themes of community concern.
- There was discussion around how to best get the word out to the community.
- There was discussion around the content for the fliers- to include questions that will be posed to allow the community to consider the questions prior to the event, with efforts to enhance the dialogue.
- There was discussion around the most suitable location for the event.
- There was discussion surrounding how to enhance communications with our townships and other constituents of our district outside of Hastings.

Next Committee Meeting:

April 1, 2026, from 6:00-7:30 p.m., Event location: High School Discussion Hall