

SUMMARY OF BOARD ACTIONS REGARDING BOARD COMMUNICATIONS/COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

DISCUSSION ITEM for Sept 8: Given our fourth board goal of, “Strengthen board’s connection to the community and staff by following effective processes for responding to questions, concerns, comments for feedback from citizens.” What are the characteristics of an effective process? What is the board’s role in the process?

SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS:

No	Originated	Description	Completed
1	May 19, 2016	Recap this year’s successes and promote it to the community.	
2	May 19, 2016	Review idea of community/board forums and schedule for next school year.	
3	May 19, 2016	Start up the Community Engagement Committee again.	Aug 2, 2016
4	May 19, 2016	Add a perpetual agenda item on Board/Community Engagement to the regular board meeting.	May 26, 2016
5	May 26, 2016	Have Jenn Markaryan attend meetings to better publicize board actions. Estimated to begin Sept 2016.	
6	May 26, 2016	Next fall, reach out to PTSA’s to schedule board attendance at meetings.	
7	May 26, 2016	Have board review Community Partnership Committee charter.	June 23, 2016
8	June 9, 2016	Extend Community Partnership Committee completion date until July 2017.	June 23, 2016
9	July 14, 2016	Start process of answering the written questions asked at the board meeting in a public forum: at next board meeting, website, FB page...	Sept 8, 2016
10	July 14, 2016	Run the special meeting on the Budget Forum by having questions posed by audience answered by the district staff and board members.	July 28, 2016

TIMELINE:

May 19th – Board discusses NKSB and Administration Communications, Trust and Transparency at board retreat. There have been comments regarding the Board wearing rose colored glasses and not communicating well with the community. Building trust is important, as well as spreading the good news.

- Action: Recap this year’s successes.
- Action: Community/Board forums will be reviewed and scheduled for next school year.
- Action: Start up the Community Engagement Committee again.
- Action: Add to the regular meeting an agenda item for Board/Community Engagement.

May 26th – Board discussed News, PTA Meetings (invites) and Forum Dates. Jenn Markaryan will begin attending the regular Board meetings and publicizing Board actions. There will be an outreach to the

PTSA's to see if Board members could be invited to meetings. Look to add some Community Forums. Have the board review the Community Partnership Charter.

June 9th – Discussed Board Communications/Community Engagement. The Community Partnership Committee Charter has a July 2016 for a completion date. One more year extension is recommended. Board refused to meet in pairs with NKEA members as requested by NKEA president. The Board is open to other ways to meet with teachers without undermining the relationship between the union and the district.

- Action: Extend the Community Partnership Committee charter through July 2017.

June 23rd – Approved the year extension to the Community Partnership Committee through July 2017.

July 14th – What ways can the board be more interactive with the community at meetings? Could we sometimes allow for a time to ask questions of the board and provide what answers we have? If questions require more research or reflection, how should these be handled? Should we publish and provide answers to everyone. How and Where? Ideas: Have a five-minute recess imbedded in the meeting for a break and members can go into the audience to greet. Have some sessions where members of the public can write down questions and these questions will be discussed. The special meeting Budget Forum will be run this way. In the communications portion of the next meeting, provide answers. Post questions and answers on the website or other appropriate ways to publicize. Allow a question and answer period added to the meeting similar to a study session before the general meeting begins. Follow study sessions with a short question and answer period.

- ACTION: Start process of answering written questions asked at the board meeting in a public forum. Could be at next board meeting, website, FB page...
- ACTION: Conduct special meeting on the Budget Forum by addressing questions from the audience and the board. Questions will be addressed by district staff and board.

Aug 18th – What potential topics for a targeted session? Budget forum was successful. The format of collecting questions from the audience on note cards and then answering them worked well. Board is interested in adding in the final 10 minutes of a Study Session as an open question and answer period. Also in targeted informational forums that would be scheduled in on meetings without a study session.