

Community Unit School District #200
Citizens Advisory Committee
AGENDA
Wednesday, November 20, 2019
7:00-8:30 p.m.
School Service Center

1. Call to Order
2. Public Comment
3. Approval of Minutes October 16, 2019
4. Discussion about Technology and Feedback on Future Plans
5. What is the buzz?
6. Adjourn

Citizens Advisory Committee
November 20, 2019 - SSC

Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Chairperson Erik Hjerpe.
- 25 CAC members present.
- Others present: Asst. Superintendent Chris Silagi and Melissa Murphy, Executive Director of Technology Rodney Mack, and Board Member Brad Paulsen.

Public Comment

- (1) Barb Intihar - Jefferson ECC Outdoor Therapeutic Learning & Play Area

Approval of Minutes from October 16, 2019

- Motion to approve: J. Wilkie; Seconded by J. Castino; all were in favor; minutes of October 16, 2019, were approved.

Announcements/Other Information

- Chairperson Hjerpe reminded the members of the following:
 - Be sure to complete OMA training and submit certificates to the Supt. office.
 - Marked up copies of the bylaws will be sent to CAC members for review and feedback.
 - Tonight's meeting will be facilitated by Dr. Silagi.
- Dr. Silagi - Noted the event at Glenbard West HS tonight featuring Author Robin Stevenson. Dr. Schuler is attending the event. Dr. Silagi gave some context and information on the decision points regarding the topic/issue of the author visit cancellation to the District. This included information on the following:
 - Apologized on behalf of the district for the narrative and the hurt that was caused as a result of the situation. The district is working to repair that.
 - A new state law (HB 246) effective in 2020-21 will include studying of roles and contributions of LGBTQ people as part of state standards and curriculum; guidance from ISBE is targeted for middle/secondary level on the topic.
 - Dr. Silagi addressed questions from the group regarding decisions and the importance of consistency in the process, which included the following:
 - The policy/procedure on notification to parents.
 - The promotion of the book and the dialogue around this.
 - Content in the open letter the author wrote regarding the canceled visit.
 - Questions on LLC Director/Librarian process with booking/vetting new books/authors.
 - The district is working in partnership with LLC directors on the process.
 - Message from the district - procedure and content messages (conflicting messages) - trust issue.
 - Parental responsibility vs district responsibility.
 - Policies affecting this will be reviewed by the board HR/Policy committee.
 - Vetting - open-ended word/concept.
 - Scheduling authors before published/printed books are available.
 - The threshold for sensitive topics.

- Interpretation of board policy.
- What the District is doing to address the students that have been impacted by this issue/decision.
- Dr. Silagi thanked everyone for their comments and feedback.

Discussion about Technology and Feedback on Future Plans

- Rodney Mack, Exec Director of Technology for D200 facilitated the CAC Technology Discussion, which included the following:
 - Master Technology Plan
 - Commitment areas: infrastructure & access, universal access, classroom infrastructure, operational tech systems, security).
 - Reviewed the goal, rationale, 19-20 and 20-21 plans for each of the five commitment areas.
 - Focus for tonight's presentation - universal access and security areas.
 - Safety & Security
 - 3-tiered approach to cybersecurity (endpoint, firewall with intrusion protection & DNS web security).
 - A multi-level approach to backups & local data handling.
 - 2-factor authentication for critical staff.
 - Staff testing and training for phishing, spoofing & ransomware.
 - Major focus on student data & vendor usage of student data (HB 3606).
 - Universal Access
 - What is it? The deployment method currently used throughout CUSD200.
 - The belief that access is critical & district should have sufficient devices for students to use in school, as well as, have access away from school.
 - Current deployment for Elementary, MS, and HS levels.
 - Approximately 10,390 Chromebooks as of today and 12,500 students - confirm.
 - Ability to give anyone a device at home who needs it.
 - A grant received for hotspots, to be used for families that do not have internet access at home.
 - FIT learning environment - what is coming?
 - Curriculum issues affecting devices:
 - Social studies now: inquiry lesson design.
 - Writing and message production.
 - The world of work is changing dramatically - going beyond basic communication.
 - Enhancing vs transforming learning.
 - Deployment discussion based on model refresh:
 - Do we keep the same number (universal access) for each level?
 - Reduce the number of devices needed.
 - Increase in the number of devices and change the philosophy of deployment (1:1).
 - The group was asked to complete a form and gather everyone's input at the table:
 - Reasons for changing philosophy and reasons against changing philosophy.
 - Forces for and against changing our philosophy.
 - Forces against (anything you are concerned with)
 - There were questions/comments on the following:
 - The utilization of devices - are all devices being used?
 - The number of desktops in the district?
 - Any perceptions of inequities in the buildings?
 - The group was asked to assess value/rate of each item to a total of 100.

- All levels - Elem, MS, HS, will be doing this as well.
- Top for/against responses shared out:
 - What the teachers need; what the educators need - tools for them?
 - Proper PD (professional development) for teachers to get to the transformation stage.
 - Locked into technology - what if something happens? Security?
 - Jobs for the future - kids with 24/7 access will have a leg up over others (equal access for equal opportunity); flipside - we tie ourselves to devices; do we get ROI?
 - Addiction? How to ensure we are keeping track of content.
 - What is the parent piece on this? Ensure parents are trained as well; What do parents need to know?
 - How much are the Chromebooks being used?
- Members were asked to leave completed forms at the tables.

What is the buzz (What are you hearing out there in the community?)

- Due to the time, this standing agenda item will be tabled until the December meeting.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 pm.

The next CAC meeting will be Wednesday, December 18th at 7:00 pm at the SSC.