

DUBUQUE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Educational Programs/Policy Committee

BOARD COMMITTEE MINUTES

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- A. Date agenda was posted for meeting: December 29, 2022
  - B. Date media was emailed agenda: December 29, 2022
  - C. Board Committee: **Educational Programs/Policy Committee**
  - D. Date and Time of Meeting: **January 4, 2023, at 4:30 p.m.**
  - E. Place of Meeting: The Forum
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Board members present: Nancy Bradley, Jim Prochaska, Kate Parks, Tami Ryan, Katie Jones, Anderson Sainci, and Lisa Wittman. District representatives present: Amy Hawkins, Lisa Tebockhorst, Mark Burns, Joe Maloney, Brian Kuhle, Jawanza Evans and Dierre Littleton.

Nancy Bradley called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.

Priority Initiative #1-Student Connections

Joe Maloney, Director of Activities and Athletics and Dierre Littleton, Director of Equity, discussed the district Strategic Plan Initiative #1–Student Connections. Joe Maloney discussed the results of an anonymous student survey for feedback from students about what clubs and activities they are currently involved in and if they aren't participating, what kind of barriers exist to prevent them from participating. Forty percent of the students responded to the survey and thirty-five percent said that they do participate, and sixty-five percent said that they don't. A question about what type of barriers exist as to why they don't participate in activities/clubs was on the survey. Of the one-hundred thirty-nine students responding to the question, transportation was the number one factor at twenty-nine percent. Thirteen percent of that group said either they have a job or work outside of school. Maloney said they are looking at different club offerings and extracurricular offerings for specific groups that students might be interested in and also looking at a process to make sure we have staff that can support these types of activities over a period of time. Work will continue to identify those students who are not connected through some extracurricular activity and if there's an opportunity to connect them how to communicate that information.

Jawanza Evans, Equity and HR Specialist from the district, updated the committee on the new Black Student Union clubs at both high schools. This club has been renamed the Black Excellence Association. This group welcomes all students to attend and meet at both high schools. They are currently reviewing and approving their bylaws. Initial meetings are scheduled for January 18<sup>th</sup> at Senior and January 19<sup>th</sup> at Hempstead. The purpose of this organization is to advance black culture in the district through educational discussions, events, workshops, mentorship and develop community among black students. Dierre Littleton discussed the efforts they are making to build a collaborative relationship with the high school and college students in the community. He stated that the more students are engaged the more likely they are to be successful and the more they're likely to be academically successful. The focus is on both the curricular and co-curricular experience allowing schools to meet students where they are and to provide them that equitable opportunities from a black student perspective. Littleton also mentioned the goal of mentorships with college students to provide exposure for students who are interested in that path.

Joe Maloney also mentioned the sometime late February early March we should hear if the District has been approved for the Iowa 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers Grant which helps fund academic enrichment for LEAP (Leadership Enrichment After-School Programs).

Policy #5301 Fundraising By and for School Approved Organizations  
Revised – Board-01.09.23

Policy #5503 Reporting Child/Dependent Adult Abuse and Neglect  
Revised – Board-01.09.23

Policy #6209 Minimum School Day for High School Students  
Revised – Board-01.09.23

The next meeting was scheduled for February 7, 2023.

Jim Prochaska mentioned to the committee that they contact legislators about voting no on school vouchers.

The meeting adjourned at 5:21 p.m.

Carolyn Mauss, Board Secretary