

**CITIZENS' ADVISORY COUNCIL/COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
MINUTES
May 19, 2021
Meeting held via Zoom**

Members present: Jenny Barbehen, Shannon Wood, Marjory Bedrup, Eboni Murray, Angela Hart, Susan Farnum, Ryan Russ, Roger Beauford, Karrie Schlicting, Suzanne Motto, Dr. Cavallo, Scott Dunnell, and Ed Brophy

Agenda Item	Discussion/Information	Follow up
Introduction of New Superintendent Dr. Alvarez	<p>Dr. Cavallo introduced Dr. Elizabeth Alvarez. He mentioned that this is the committee made up of parents and community agencies.</p> <p>Dr. Alvarez stated that she is going to work to make D91 stronger than ever and cannot do it alone and looks forward to working together.</p> <p>Each member introduced themselves.</p> <p>Dr. Cavallo further clarified that this is a board appointed committee yet, the parent organizations offer representatives from their affiliations to represent each school. He also mentioned that this group's honest and open communication is incredibly valuable. Such great collaborations have come from the agencies and members that have been on this committee.</p>	
Update of Guidelines for 2021-22SY	<p>As of now it looks like school will be back to full time, in person learning according to State Supt. Ayala. It also has been shared that there is not going to be a remote learning option for next year unless:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the CDC has ordered a student be quarantined OR 2. a student is ineligible for a vaccine <p>More guidelines to follow on June 11, 2021.</p>	
Farewell	<p>Dr. Cavallo said that serving the District has been his pleasure and thanked the committee for all of their work on this committee.</p>	
Board Report	<p>The May 4th meeting was a reorganization meeting held to swear in and seat new board members.</p> <p>The new members are Steve Rummel, John Lyons, and L'erin Cross.</p>	

<p>School/Community Reports</p>	<p>Ms. Barbahen thanked Dr. Cavallo for always listening and being patient on many occasions while she asked many questions. She also thanked him for opening the floor to hear from everyone. Ms. Barbahen also mentioned that the PTO is having a Zoom meeting for elections on 6/2.</p> <p>Ms. Pekoll said that the library is holding a summer reading program. She also asked about a 5th grade open house at Field-Stevenson - Dr. Cavallo said that is usually for both parents and students.</p> <p>Ms. Farnum said it was a pleasure working with Dr. Cavallo over the years. She shared that lots of great things are happening at the library, including story walks at the park, virtual presentations, and working with D91 summer school teachers this summer.</p> <p>Ms. Barbahen shared that the preschool information about the registration process on Infinite Campus seemed unclear, especially for new parents. Maybe the registration process and assessment requirement could be communicated in a different way. Possibly sending information out earlier and having the Roundup like the District used to, or using social media could help. Ms. Catezone suggested using newspaper ads again. She also offered to help in any way.</p> <p>Dr. Alvarez noted Ms. Barbahen’s suggestions and marketing it earlier in March sounds like a good idea.</p> <p>Ms. Catezone shared that the ESY summer program will be held in person. She said there will be a lot of exciting things happening with this program - in person and away from Zoom!</p> <p>Mr. Russ thanked Dr. Cavallo for making the participation on the council simple and it has been a great environment. He said the park is coming along nicely and the pool is filled. He shared his excitement to be able to see peoples faces again! He said to check out the FB page for schedules for games and events.</p> <p>Ms. Barbahen asked for administrators to consider keeping the extra time to get your kids to school. It's especially nice for those parents that have kids in multiple schools across the district.</p>	
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	<p>Ms. Wood stated that the vaccination site at the Forest Park Mall is great.</p> <p>Dr. Cavallo said working with this committee has been a true pleasure.</p>	
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Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanette Barnes