

Legislative Advocacy & Community Relations Committee
August 8, 2019
Room 206
School Administration Building

Legislative Advocacy & Community Members Present

Dr. Bob Brennan
Dr. James Coleman
Mrs. Susan Morrison
Dr. Mike Nilles
Administration
Dr. Crystal Edwards
Christi Meservy, Clerk

Election of Chairperson

Upon motion by Dr. Coleman, Dr. Brennan was nominated to be the chair of the committee. Upon consensus of the members present, Dr. Brennan was appointed chair.

Yes: Dr. Brennan, Mrs. Morrison, Dr. Coleman

No: Dr. Nilles

The Legislative Advocacy & Community Relations Committee Meeting was called to order at 3:11 by Dr. Brennan.

Review of Previous Meeting Minutes

Dr. Nilles made a motion to approve the minutes for the June meeting and the motion was seconded by Dr. Coleman. All were in favor of approval.

Schedule

The meeting start time was changed to 3:30 going forward.

2019/2020 Graduation Location

The community, staff, students, and families input in this decision matters. Therefore, a survey will sent out to get their feedback before the end of September.

Student Representatives on School Board

Both Dr. Coleman and Mrs. Morrison recommend student representatives. Due to the complexities of scheduling and training it was determined that there should be an outline given to the Student Advisor to the Board of Education detailing what would be expected and the time involved. The Policy Committee is working at bringing recommendations to the School Board. Dr. Nilles requested a copy of the committee's minutes.

City Council Legislative Items

Lynchburg City Council is planning on approving their agenda at their October meeting. They would like to approve the LCS agenda at that time.

Legislative Items Discussed

Dr. Coleman prepared a handout documenting the principles of the proposed Legislative Agenda. The handouts listed priorities of the different Virginia school districts that Dr. Coleman contacted. It included strategies on how to accomplish some of priorities. Included was the educational initiatives of Senator Tim Kaine.

It was determined that each committee member should review the handouts and come up with their top ten items. All of these will be consolidated by the next meeting and presented to the School Board at the October meeting as our Legislative Agenda. Dr. Nilles would like to add this to the Board Work Session in September.

Community Outreach

1. 'Adopt A School': It was proposed that each board member pick a couple of schools to become aware of all the school activities and happenings. Inform the other board members. If possible, plan on attending some of the events in an attempt to build relationships and become more involved at the school level.
2. Outreach to city council members: It was suggested making breakfast for the council members which would provide a relaxed setting for discussion. Mrs. Morrison offered to host a joint social event at her home in the spring.
3. Community Dialogue - The topic of inviting the community to a meeting with a town hall atmosphere was discussed. Possibly having it at a school instead of the Administration Building. There were concerns about public transportation and transportation provided by the school was suggested.

Board Docs

The need for this program was discussed and determined that the medium level of would adequate. This purchase will be brought before the board at the next meeting.

Meeting with Mark Peake

Mrs. Morrison has been in communication with Mr. Peake regarding a meeting with city council.

Future Meetings

School Board Legislative Agenda/Platform

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:13 p.m.

