

Hi Danielle,

I was sorry to miss the board meeting last night but have had some thoughts on the School/Community Engagement Committee.

My initial understanding was that this would be a joint committee, with all schools coming together to share ideas and updates. My hope was that each school would then have a local subcommittee working specifically within that school's community. The local subcommittees would select two members to be on the joint committee, representing "their" school. The local committees would actually be tasked to initiate and/or do the work of fostering community engagement.

I really like this configuration as there's coordination and inspiration between the schools through the joint committee, but schools have autonomy to act independently. I would suggest that the joint committee meetings be open to all local committee members who want to attend, and the community, as well. The membership of the joint committees would be the two representatives from each local school, plus whoever else the OUUSD board thinks should be on it. That allows the composition of the joint committee to be determined locally.

I've included Emmy and Carol on this as I've spoken with them both about this although they may have other thoughts. Thanks for being so open and welcoming to community input, Danielle, you make it very easy to approach the board.

Catherine