

Good morning, Danielle, Carol, and Timm,

I was surprised at the last OUUSD board meeting that board members had divergent ideas of what the mission of a school-community engagement committee to be. The members who thought there was to be one OUUSD-wide committee had a very different idea of what issues the committee would be addressing than I did with my understanding that each school would have its own committee.

Morgan Moore's report of the collaboration underway between teachers at NES and BES makes me feel that this effort is very effective at unifying the educational community. That works for the families directly connected with the schools, but it does not address the communication with the population having no contact with their community school. That is where I think the individual School-Community Engagement Committees can be instrumental in fostering communication, support, and pride.

I am attaching a draft I prepared that gives the roles I would suggest for an NES School-Community Engagement Committee. Any feedback would be welcome. Here's hoping that the OUUSD Board can be persuaded that the need is for four School-Community Engagement Committees specific to each school in the OUUSD, and each reporting directly to the OUUSD Board.

Thank you.

Emmy