

**Willoughby-Eastlake City Schools
Community Advisory Committee**

August 26, 2024

6:30 – 8:00 PM

Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Dr. Ward – Vision for W-E Community Advisory Committee

Dr. Ward reminded the group that the hope and purpose of the Community Advisory Committee is to identify and research a particular topic or issue that would be beneficial to the district in its progress on the Strategic Plan. He referenced last year's topic, Communication, and thanked the group for their recommendations. He also shared that the district is working on implementing 3 of the 4 recommendations made by the CAC last year, including year-long development of a comprehensive one-stop website, a spring community satisfaction survey and a new "You Ask/We Answer" portal that should be running within a few weeks.

3. Election of Officers

Nancy Knack review the list of the 2023-2024 officers, listed below, and noted that all four officers were willing to continue in these roles for the 2024-2025 school year, in order to provide some continuity while the committee was still new. There was a unanimous agreement by the committee, so the officers and their roles will remain unchanged for 2024-2025.

2023-2024/2024-2025 Officers

1. Nancy Knack – Chair
2. John Roskos – Co-Chair
3. Aaron Reedy – Co-Chair
4. Jenn Dodd - Secretary

4. By-Law Update – Typographical Error

John Roskos shared that a typo was identified in the by-laws approved in February 2024. This typographical error included conflicting statements about whether a member serves 1 year or 2 years. The correct reference should be for 2 years. Nancy Knack made a motion to strike Section 6, Article D and John Roskos seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. New Member Nominations

- a. Adult Member: Nancy Knack began the conversation that there was one open seat for Regular Members due to the loss of a former member. A discussion was held about appropriate next steps for recruitment. To open up the candidate pool, but in a limited manageable manner, it was decided that Jenn Dodd would send application to group to invite applicants to submit applications to Nancy. The officers would then review the

applications and make recommendations based on factors such as balancing the representation from our seven communities and/or including business owners who also live within the district.

- b. Additional Student: There is still an open spot for a third student. After some discussion it was decided that Dr. Ward would work with building administration to identify a 10th grade student from South High School. This would add balance between the grade levels and high school representation as this year's senior representative graduated.

6. 2024-2025 Meeting Dates

Meeting dates were shared for the 2024-2025 school year and are listed below. All meetings are schedule from 6:30pm – 8:00pm and will be held in the W-E Board Office, unless otherwise noted.

- i. 8/26/24
- ii. 10/21/24
- iii. 1/27/25 – Zoom Meeting
- iv. 4/28/25

7. Ideas for 2024-2025 Research Topics

Dr. Ward shared and reviewed with the Committee a handout summarizing the priorities within the district Strategic Plan, which are listed below.

- i. Customized Learning, Innovative Instruction, Academic Excellence
- ii. W-E Experience
- iii. Efficient Operations, Safety & Fiscal Responsibility
- iv. Community Engagement

The committee engaged in conversation around a focus for the 2024-2025 school year that could support one of these priorities. There was a lot of discussion that supported both Customized Learning and the W-E experience, especially around experiential learning opportunities in the field, such as service experiences and capstone projects, as well as career-technical experiences. In addition, online learning offerings can expand access to additional courses for students. It was decided to begin with these ideas in mind and conduct the following activities at the October meeting:

- i. Review a list of other Northeast Ohio districts and determine which districts we want to compare to W-E
- ii. Consider recruitment of research associates
- iii. Identify specific data and information to research in other districts and in comparison to W-E, based on the discussion above regarding experiential learning, career-technical education and online learning.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.