

Board of Education
Cochrane-Fountain City School District
Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
August 5, 2021

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 by President Karen Knospe.

Members present: Karen Knospe, Larry Cyrus, Lynn Doelle, Don Baloun, and Bonnie Breza. Rita Greshik arrived later. Kalene Engel was absent. Dr. Fairbanks was also present.

Don Baloun made the motion to accept the agenda as presented. Lynn Doelle seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Board agreed that past practice of planting a tree or installing a bench, etc should be followed in honoring benefactors or staff. Such recognition is certainly appreciated. Karen Knospe will personally contact Mr. Plank who brought this question to the Board with this response.

Dr. Fairbanks will research which student data legally needs to be available to whom. The Board agreed that as little information as possible should be available to anyone other than the student and the family.

An updated Ready to Learn plan was shared with plans for how to keep parents and the public informed. This plan is and will be very fluid until the virus is contained. Again, the Board expressed primary concern for the safety and well-being of our children.

Revisions to the Employee Handbook were shared.

A summary of results of the community visioning sessions was shared. There were two options created for the vision, the mission and branding. These will be shared with the public with opportunities to be involved in choosing the final wordings. Opportunities will include multiple ways to be involved, as time allows.

A multi-year strategic plan for our district was presented and explained showing the goals for our students and school with steps to assure implementation. The Board supports the plan enthusiastically.

The Treasure Trove golf outing raised \$4,500 to be added to the giving circle to be used for grants that allow opportunities for our learners that might not otherwise be available. Three of the four grants applied for at this time were funded. Our students, staff and school board again thank the Treasure Trove leaders who have made this possible and the many donors who have stepped up.

The superintendent's evaluation form will be looked at by an ad hoc committee with a report and recommendations to the full board.

Ideas to enhance community involvement in our school were again discussed. We regret that we are not comfortable enough yet with health issues to be able to invite volunteers back into our classrooms. Our young learners especially miss that extra support.

Don Baloun made the motion to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Lynn Doelle seconded the motion. Motion carried.