Transformation Waco Board of Trustees TW Family Engagement Committee Meeting Public Notice



September 17, 2020, 5:15 PM

A TW Family Engagement Committee Meeting of the Transformation Waco Board of Trustees will be held September 17, 2020, beginning at 5:15 PM at Zoom.

This meeting will be held both in person and via Zoom video conference. At least a quorum of the board will participate in person. The public may access this meeting in person or via Zoom at

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82809999593?pwd=VUhjcnYxaHQrRXBDMTQ5L2Z6L1gyUT09

To provide public comment for this meeting:

- Email <u>catelia.vazquez@wacoisd.org</u> with your public comment using the subject line, "Audience for Guests."
- Call 254-754-9169 and provide your public comment via telephone.
- Attend the meeting in person, complete an "Audience for Guests" form before the call to order, and address the board.

All public comments received via email or phone by 12:00 pm on This month's TW Family Engagement Committee meeting is virtual. Please visit this link to join the meeting., will be addressed during the September 17, 2020 TW Family Engagement Committee Meeting.

The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are listed below. Items do not have to be taken in the same order as shown on this meeting notice

- I. Welcome and introductions
- II. Review and approve minutes from August meeting
- III. Old business follow-up
- IV. New business
- V. Action items prior to next meeting
- VI. Adjournment

If, during the course of the meeting, the Board may lawfully conduct a closed meeting as to all or part of any item on the agenda, then, if the Board chooses to conduct a closed meeting on such agenda item, it shall do so in accordance with applicable law, including the Texas Open Meetings Act, Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapters D and E or Texas Government Code section 418.183(f). The Board

shall not conduct a closed meeting unless a quorum of the Board first convenes in an open meeting for which proper notice has been given. Before any closed meeting is conducted, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the Open Meetings Act or other applicable law authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, actions, or decisions regarding any matter deliberated in a closed meeting shall only be taken in open meeting for which proper notice has been given. [See BEC(LEGAL)].

The notice for this meeting was posted in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings act on .

For the Transformation Waco Board of Trustees

Transformation Waco Family Engagement Subcommittee



August 20, 2020 Meeting Minutes

In attendance:

Robin McDurham Elise Jones
Dana Carpenter Sarah Pedrotti
Travis Cheathem Jocelyn William
Josh Cabllero April Strickland

1. Approved minutes from last meeting

2. Preferred methods of communications for families

- -most families prefer texts but email is more consistent because less likely to change with change in phone number
- -Sarah reported that survey was pushed out 3x and that families responded about 87% to text and only 10% to email.
- -Travis reports he is using "mail merge" to make emails more specific about each child which helps with family response
- -there is a "mytel" feature that helps teachers do the same.
- -Robin reminded us that families will need to be checking in to Google Classroom. We don't want to overwhelm them with too many platforms. Josh and Jocelyn agree.

3. School start

- -60% from Hines and Carver want to do remote learning
- -about 50% of the other schools want to do distance learning.
- -families have asked about office hours, evening support
- -important for families to understand this will not be like the spring
- Assignments will be checked daily
- -work should be done during the day with minimal parental involvement
- -it is not the job of parents to be teachers at night.

4. How do we continue to provide wrap around services in this remote learning environment?

- -weakness in providing emotional support
- -lack of mental health services
- -reminded that there are some mental health services available at Family Health Center for children. Need to discuss how to facilitate referral process.
- -Family Support Specialists have good relationships with families and are a source of support though important for them not to practice above their scope.
- -We Care Wednesday Calls will continue to happen.
- -would scheduled "check ins" maybe with other families, help?
- -Possibility of Grassroots helping to organize some of this extra support in place?
- -How would we incentivize it?

*kids need to be fed and occupied to engage parents: pizza and movie/a kid activity with child care?

^{*}have it be "parent driven"

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-Brook Avenue already has a core group of engaged parents, about 17, that went through GLT.

*they had been planning "Dia de los Muertos". Fell through because of pandemic.

What can be done instead?

Josh C: Think about how we can engage Brook Ave families.

We could use Facebook polls to ask families questions such as what topics they would be interested in learning about or getting help in. We could maybe use parents to do some videos to address those topics. We need to determine what structures need to be in place so families can participate.

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