

**STUDENT VOICE FORUM**  
February 8, 2017 Minutes  
City School Administration Center – 3 East

The Student Key Communicators committee met at 1:30 PM on February 8, 2017 with Superintendent Dr. Lori Simon, Kristin Kiner – Youth Engagement Coordinator, and student representatives from Central, Stevens, and South Middle School. All in attendance introduced themselves.

Dr. Simon provided brief updates on the following items:

- Professional Development Task Force – a group of district staff met several times in the past few months for the purpose of looking at the school calendar and how we might provide district staff with professional development opportunities. The group came up with three proposals and then Dr. Simon proposed a 4<sup>th</sup> calendar. Approval of the 2017 – 2018 calendar will take place in the near future.
- Community Advisory Council – The purpose of the Community Advisory Council (CAC) is to provide feedback to the Superintendent and Senior Leadership Team on the work of the district in its continuous improvement. The CAC serves as a forum for discussion, sharing perspectives, providing feedback, and exploring new and better ways to meet the needs of our school district.
- Strategic Plan – work continues to develop a district strategic plan. The process to be completed in May.
- Website – A vendor has been chosen for the new website and meetings will be scheduled with various groups to gather input on the formation of the new website.

Dr. Simon asked the students to break into groups and discuss names for the group. Ideas were brought forth and after discussion – **STUDENT VOICE FORUM** - was chosen for the name of the group.

Superintendent Simon then asked the groups to come back together to provide burning issues/items that are important to us and we could work together on. After suggestions were shared, the group discussed ideas and came to the consensus of a K<sup>2</sup> - Kindness Kampaign. It would connect three ideas together:

1. R-Word
2. Start with Hello
3. Instagram Page

The hope that this “kampaign” will create district spirit across all district schools.

Other thoughts brought forward included courses on teaching students to type in their elementary grades and life skills class so students know how to write checks/make doctor appointment/get a prescription/balance checkbook/W-2 forms and many more. With the design

of a new website, would it be possible to provide 2 to 3 minute video tutorials on the top 15 things teens should know before they go to college. Melissa Miller Kincart will join our next meeting to see if this might be something we can put on the new website.

The next meeting will be at City School Administration – 3 East on March 22, 2017 at 1:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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