

## **EAC Minutes**

### **December 8, 2022**

#### **EAC members in attendance:**

Joseph Segovia, Ruben Alvarado, Jackson Adams, Yolanda Herrera, Angela Hudiburg, Samantha Ruiz, Stephanie Reyes Espinsoza, Kathy Mulkerin, Terri Trick, Dr. Wade Smith, Ian McDole, Bill Erickson, Jerry Cummins, Julie Perron, Lane Avery Fairbanks, Melissa Santana

Our meeting commenced at 4:00 pm in the Board Room on December 8, 2022.

After a welcome of participants on our committee, Dr. Smith provided updates on upcoming opportunities to participate in strategic planning. EAC watched a TED talk clip from the authors of Tell Me Who You Are, before breaking into small groups, facilitated by staff and student leaders, to explore how we experience belonging in our own lives when we were (or are) students in high school. After the small group work, students provided updates of events, activities and calendar items from high school.

Below are the exit tickets from the end of our EAC meeting.

Exit tickets in response to the question, “In terms of building belonging, what is one thing that is important to remember?”

- Connection: Understanding and listening to one another.
- Use correct names in Skyward and avoid nicknames.
- People will find a way to belong based on options (good/bad)
- Everyone’s value is seen without any attachments or expectations
- Belonging matters because it didn’t for too long and we all miss out when everyone’s voices aren’t heard
- Truthfulness
- People don’t engage if they don’t feel like they belong
- Do not pay lip service to the concept of belonging; it requires deep understanding of each individual
- Belonging can change someone’s attitude about school. If you feel like you belong, you will do more
- Belonging matters because it helps a person feel acknowledged and feel like they are part of something

- Belonging between pillars of community: ASB, sports-matters
- Belonging never ends
- That we can't overlook the importance of belonging for parents and families within our schools
- We need to understand the barriers that students face
- Belonging matters because the place you belong (the people in that place) will get you through hard times, which fosters resilience

Our meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Our next meeting is scheduled for March 9, 2023.