

RICHWOODS R-VII COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PLAN

Community Engagement Plan Development

This community engagement plan reflects a cooperative process between the board and community members. It describes the various methods the board will use to engage with the community to address issues related to the district's beliefs, mission and vision. These activities are in addition to the opportunity for district residents to place items on the board agenda in accordance with policy BDDH.

The Richwoods R-VII Board of Education has provided opportunity for community stakeholders to have input in the district by placing a public comment section on their board agenda every month. Community members are able to be placed on the monthly board agenda to have input on a specific item per district policy. The district will send out surveys during the school year for input in the areas of school climate, curriculum, and planning.

Plan Components

Consulting: Obtaining community feedback on analysis, alternatives, and/or decisions.

Involving: The district will send out surveys to stakeholders throughout the year to ensure all parties concerns are being heard and resolved.

Collaborating: The district will invite stakeholders to meetings during the school year to help plan and identify upcoming priorities.

Planned Engagement Activities

The board will survey the community for ideas on improvement in curriculum, climate, and planning. This will be done virtually or by hardcopy depending on any specific request.

The board will continue to provide stakeholders the opportunity to be heard during the public comment section of the agenda. This will be an in person or written activity.

The board will continue to provide stakeholders the opportunity to be placed on the agenda to be heard on a specific item. This will be an in person activity.

Survey:

- The purpose of any survey is to get unbiased information from the stakeholders to help the district lead or plan decision making for the entire district.

- All community stakeholders, with special attention to parents, will be invited to fill out and return these surveys. Parents have a special interest in decisions with regards to their students being enrolled in the district.
- The surveys will be sent out virtually and hardcopy to all attending students within the district.

Board Meetings

- The purpose of stakeholders attending the board meetings is to be heard on any issue or thought about the district.
- All stakeholders are invited to the monthly board meetings for input. All perspectives are valued and want to be heard by the board.
- Stakeholders are encouraged to participate in all monthly board meetings. If the person wants to be heard on a specific item, they would need to follow district policy to make sure it gets placed on the monthly agenda.

Potential Obstacles and Challenges

The lack of community involvement is an obstacle and challenge for the district. The district will continue to offer more opportunities for parents to be involved in the school. The board meetings are held early evening to give accessibility to most working stakeholders. Internet access is an issue in the area for some. The county is working with internet providers to help resolve the issue of quality internet in the area.

Activity Evaluation

It is Richwoods R-VII belief that with all stakeholders working together to create a better school district, we will continue to see positive change. The district is open for all ideas to be discussed for the betterment of the district. All stakeholders will have the opportunity to evaluate the planning or growth in the district. The board can institute changes as they see fit during the school year for the betterment of the district.

Plan Evaluation and Revision

The board and engagement activity participants will review this plan annually. The plan may be revisited more frequently at the request of the board or community members.

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