

School Board Mid-Year Self-Evaluation for the June 11, 2022 SB Advance (Responses)

Overall, how are things going? (as related to meetings, meeting preparation, meeting materials, communication)	What areas, if any, do you feel like you would like support in developing as a Board member?	Are there any processes that you feel we need to alter or improve to enhance the effectiveness of this Board?
<p>Things up to this point is going well. I feel like we are getting our school board materials in a timely manner. Communication is excellent as it relates to getting the message out for our meetings. I like the fact that we can now put the summary of our committee meetings on a spreadsheet. It really cuts down on time and not every board member has to recite and summarize every committee meeting they have attended.</p>	<p>We have lots of school board policies and it would be helpful to have a workshop or discussion as to how to find policies quicker when we are asked by the public.</p>	<p>None at this time.</p>
<p>Overall feel things are going well. It is important that communication is consistent and I feel that requests for response/s at times is not timely or consistent. I appreciate the meeting prep- materials being made available earlier prior to each board meeting.</p>	<p>I, personally, feel like I'm setting in and although there is ALWAYS more to learn or understand I feel okay currently.</p>	<p>I'd like to see bi-annual joint meetings with Council (outside of our pre-budget sessions with them) to just establish/maintain consistent communications with them; I'd like to re-instate Board member visits within the different school buildings to be more visible and accessible; consideration of 3 yearly Board advances to bring forward and discuss pressing topics that require more time than in our regularly scheduled meetings.</p>
<p>I appreciate hearing the different perspectives of fellow member of the board. I wish there were greater opportunities to hear from each other before we are at meetings taking action on items.</p> <p>There are several weighty topics/decisions in front of the board--the limited time we have together concerns me as we try to make informed choices that will have significant impacts.</p> <p>A commitment from all board members to reading the materials prior to meetings would be beneficial in my opinion. If a board member has questions/comments on the materials when reviewing, should those be shared with Dr. Gurley/staff prior to the meeting or held?</p>	<p>I would benefit from a more thorough understanding of the CCS budget process. Specifically, an understanding of school and department budgets and oversight. How is the efficacy of programs measured?</p>	<p>It is a challenge to be responsive to more immediate concerns from various stakeholders when we only formally meet monthly.</p>
<p>Communication prior to meetings, availability of meeting materials, and communication from Dr. Gurley have all been excellent. I really appreciate the weekly "Board Briefs" from Dr. G, as well as being cc'd on his responses to emails from disgruntled or concerned parents and/or staff.</p> <p>Also, Lisa as Chair does a nice job of checking in with Board members and being available to hear concerns.</p>	<p>This sort of fits here --- I would like to have some way of being told about school-based events (morning meetings, special programs, concerts, performances, etc) that Board members could attend. It's been too hard to keep up with each school's calendar. I'd also like to get back to having days where we schedule visits by Board members to the schools.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Insuring that Board members have similar amounts of speaking time during Board meetings and that the protocol for when to ask questions is clear.</li> <li>2. Insuring that Board members feel engaged by delegating responsibility when appropriate -- e.g. perhaps other Board members could respond to constituent emails for a period of time. Also, insuring that Board members have opportunity to engage w/ Dr. Gurley, perhaps in 2 x 2 meetings or by working on specific issues.</li> <li>3. Insuring that issues that arise between Board members are worked through rather than avoided. Ongoing opportunities for Board members to get to know each other will help us function well as a team.</li> </ol> <p>Overall, I think our Board does very well as compared to other School Boards I have seen or read about. Our clerks are incredibly helpful in keeping us on task, which I am deeply grateful for.</p>
<p>Overall, I believe things are well. Most materials have been available for viewing in a reasonable manner. I appreciate the additional communication regarding which conference room.</p>	<p>I don't need support, but I could improve on sending my questions ahead of meetings.</p>	<p>We could clean up the thank you's a little more. I would also suggest rearranging our school board space. I believe the podium and monitor should be closer together in order for board members to look at the speaker. Currently, most board members are looking down at their laptops or looking at the monitor on the other side of the room. I believe it could be perceived as disengaged.</p>