

Meeting Minutes: Governmental Affairs Committee**Date/Time:** September 5, 2023 – 12:00 p.m. **Location:** District Office Board Room**Start:** 12:00 p.m. **End:** 12:46 p.m.**Committee Members Present:** Robin Nelson, Greg Clark, Nyamal Dei, and Nikkie Gullickson**Committee Members Absent:** Katie Christensen**Board Members Present:****Staff Members Present:** Tara Brandner, Dr. Rupak Gandhi, and Bill Westrick**Recorder:** Amy Patterson

Agenda Item	Discussion – Conclusion	Recommendations/Actions
Approval of June 6, 2023 Meeting Minutes	The committee reviewed and approved the minutes of the June 6, 2023 meeting.	Minutes will be posted on the Board's section of the public website.
Formative GAC Meeting	<p>The committee reviewed and discussed GP7 and reaffirmed the committee means for this year. Consensus was that GP7 looks good and all are in favor of it as is.</p> <p>Committee discussion was had about the interim session and what the group wants to do now before session. Further discussion was had on the Governmental Affairs philosophies and acting on behalf of the collective Board.</p> <p>Nikkie Gullickson is new to this group and brought up the previous session and contemplated a discussion on what went well and what could have been done better. Chair Robin Nelson confirmed that this discussion had already taken place--at the last, closing meeting of the prior year in June. Discussion was had on the feedback from last year.</p>	
Suggested Priorities	<p>Committee discussion was had on the committee's priorities. The committee will follow interim studies, testify, and share stories, communicate with legislators, and establish committee beliefs and philosophies. Dr. Rupak Gandhi will keep the Committee updated on federal updates and the Committee will follow other city, state, local and federal updates.</p> <p>Chair Robin Nelson reported that the NDSBA has standing resolutions that they use that empowers the executive director to lobby on NDSBA's behalf. They use Guiding Philosophies. Discussion was had on this process and the best way to do it. The process would be Tara and Robin working together to write up the whereas and therefore clauses and the committee would then review and approve it. The materials should be distributed to the committee to process ahead of time.</p> <p>Discussion was had on suggested philosophies to work on. Helping students succeed was mentioned. Infrastructure is another one--adequate funding, especially with the long-range planning that is ongoing. The committee came up with a basic list.</p>	<p>Robin to forward NDSBA Resolutions for review.</p> <p>Members to bring back the reasons or rationale for keeping public dollars public.</p>

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	<p><u>Topics:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Honesty in Education. For example, history means all of history. We do not believe in censorship. For example, library bills, etc. Parent input. Do not censor history. • Infrastructure – Public vs. Private. Keep Public Dollars Public. • Helping Students Succeed. • Supplementing Board approved direction, operationalizing these for Governmental Affairs. Creating a baseline of what to oppose or support. • Oppose any bill that restricts transgender or LGBTQ rights or limits them in any way. • Advocate for all students. Advocate for what is right regardless of whether or not it impacts Fargo Public Schools. 	
Next Meeting Dates	Discussion was had on meeting days and times and members' schedules. The committee landed on 7:30 a.m. on the first Tuesday of the month. The next meeting will be Tuesday, October 3 rd at 7:30 a.m.	
Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, October 3 at 7:30 a.m.		