

INFORMATION ITEM

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To: Board of Education Members

From: Ellen E. Mauer, PhD

Subject: Email Request for Training

I have received a request for some training for BOE members on the following proposed topics:

1. IASB and in house training courses
2. magazine subscriptions and books
3. attending district and school events
4. visiting our school classrooms
5. attending school activities
6. visiting district related organizations such as Millburn Educational Foundations and PTOs
7. visiting SEDOL and other organizations that interface with our district
8. discussing COW and standard board meetings room layout and format
9. discussing how COW and standard board meetings should be conducted
10. discussing forming subcommittees
11. discussing expectations for board members
12. discussing priorities and projects
13. discussing board and district objectives and constraints
14. discussing community perceptions of the board and how to address those concerns
15. discussing how to earn community trust in the board
16. discussing how to work more effectively as a board than as 7 individual board members

Items 1-8 may be easily conducted in-house. Items 9-16 may be best conducted with an outside facilitator, but these topics are lengthy and meaty and will take a significant amount of time so multiple sessions may be needed based upon the facilitator's recommendations. Items 12-15 are items that have come up in our Strategic Plan survey and it may be that you want to see how the Community Engagement Day goes before you make arrangements for those areas. You will get more community input by attending this day and seeing the plans/committees that emerge.

I would suggest that the BOE have a discussion as to how they want to do these trainings and set some dates based upon the availability of everyone.