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DPAC Questions

- 1) I choose to run for the position of School Trustee because after volunteering for over 8 years doing presentations in the schools and seeing the safety and amount of bullying that has been happening over the years, it was time to see change.
- 2) Choice schools is a great concept that allows parents / student the ability to choose a school that will best match the family needs. I believe that while schools focus on a certain area the district must still promote all aspects of the school safety (whether culture or traditional values) within the district so that all students receive it to some degree.
- 3) Parents and students need to have an EFFECTIVE voice in the School District. The current structure for the student group and DPAC I believe are not an effective communication to the board. I believe that Trustees should be going into the school PAC meetings and talking first hand to the parents and not just listening to the DPAC. Individual School issues may not be address by the DPAC. Trustees should also be going directly into the schools and talking to students in the schools about what is going on and happening. Students will talk to people about the issues that they see happening and want fixed which may not be the same as teachers or parents.

PGDTA Questions

1. For myself classroom composition (numbers) is less important than the ability for the teacher to effectively communicate with the students. As a presenter I have presented to groups as large as 50 students and as small as 10. If the person can effectively communicate and get students involved in the discussion they will be more effective. So the specific action I would take to ensure better classroom composition would be looking at getting workshops for teachers to look at different ways they could learn how to communicate and involve the students.
2. Most of my platform is about advocating for students. Student safety and dealing with bullying as to be dealt with. I have worked with my non-profit groups through out the years and have always taken the approach of going directly to the people you are supposed to be there for, in the case of School District it is the Students, talking to them and then working to get their needs met and sometimes there wants. I have always represented the underdog and under the current structure of the district the Students have become the underdog and lost the voice and I plan to work hard and continually make recommendations that people have a voice and can talk directly to the Trustees.
3. Teachers currently have a huge say on what and how things are taught in the classroom. As long as they cover the material that is required they have free range to accomplish that. 21st Century learning is a way to get students more involved and educated. It is a different style. I believe teachers should be looking at ways they could introduce the format into the classrooms to get more discussions with students happening.