

District seeks applications for new council

Superintendent-led council will include parents, other community members

District 99 announced plans to form a new Community Advisory Council tasked with fostering stronger connections between the school district and the community.

The council will be led by the superintendent Hank Thiele, who is serving in his first year at the district. The council will include parents and other community members who are inter-

ested in receiving and sharing information about the district.

"I believe that the new Community Advisory Council will allow participants to better understand the district in a deeper way, and likewise, for us to better understand what's important to the community," Thiele said. "My hope is that by building these relationships with one another, we will ultimately increase

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2016-17 Schedule

- Session One - DGN Alumni Room | Nov 16
- Session Two - DGN Alumni Room | Jan. 18
- Session Three - DGS Library | March 22
- Session Four - Administrative Service Center | April 25

the success of all students."

The council will include 12 to

18 people throughout the community who have a diverse mix of experiences. To ensure a balanced group, the superintendent is expected to invite members to participate based on school building administration nominations and applications received. District 99 is collecting applications at www.surveymonkey.com/r/D99CommunityAdvisoryCouncil.

The council will meet four times throughout the school year for a highly-structured, two-hour meeting. Each ses-

sion will include an update from the superintendent and time to share general feedback and concerns. The core of the meeting will be a presentation from district administration and/or faculty on a specific and timely topic.

Members will then explore the topic and offer their perspectives and ideas through a directed activity. Ideas brought forward from the council will be shared with the District 99 Board of Education and administration to guide decisions.