

speaking notes

Opening remarks

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Trustees

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We are pleased to welcome you here tonight. We appreciate you taking the time to connect with us here this evening. My name is Judy Hehr and I'm Vice Chair of the CBE Board of Trustees and trustee for wards 8 and 9.

I'd like to introduce a few people before we get started here this evening. First of all, the Chair of the Board of Trustees and trustee for wards 1 and 2 – Joy Bowen-Eyre. Then we have:

- Lynn Ferguson, trustee for wards 3 and 4
- Pamela King, trustee for wards 5 and 10
- Trina Hurdman, trustee for wards 6 and 7
- Amber Stewart, trustee for wards 12 and 14

Also with us tonight are Bill Brunton, Chief Communications Officer and Karen Drummond, Communications Advisor.

Before we get started with our main topic of discussion here this evening, we wanted to just take a few minutes to talk about the high school success presentation from the last meeting.

That presentation was focused on some new thoughts and ideas about how we approach high school education. It talked about providing more flexibility for students and more opportunities for students to pursue their passions and interests. The video of that presentation was posted on the CBE website. And the Board encouraged school council members to share that video with their school councils and parents.

So, we just wanted to take this opportunity to ask you if you've done that yet. And if you have, find out more about how that worked for you and what you heard. Up on the screen are a few questions we'd like to ask you now...discussing this will help us plan for future meetings and understand how best to share information with your school communities. Is there anyone in the audience who has some thoughts or experiences they'd like to share?

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Questions on screen:

- Did you share the video with your school council or other parents at your school?
- Do you plan to share the video in the future?
- There was a take-away question we provided that could be asked of the parents at your school (How would you like to be kept informed about high school success?) - did you gather any responses to that question? If so, what were they?
- Is it helpful to have videos of presentations you can share with parents at your school?

Thank you for your thoughts and ideas. We appreciate you taking the time to share with us and we'll keep those things you mentioned in mind for the future.

Now I'd like to turn things over to Lynn Ferguson and Amber Stewart. They are going to run through a brief presentation on our main topic of discussion this evening. Thank you.