STAKEHOLDERS PLAY IMPORTANT ROLES IN MANAGING SCHOOLS

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‘Education stakeholders are people, and we all know that people are at the heart of the educational system.’ Stakeholders hold the resources, information, and opportunities, as well as the love, care, and wisdom required to support the educational system’s goals — ensuring that our children thrive now and in the future.’ (Getting Smart – ‘Getting Clearer: Stakeholders At The Heart of Education’)

It is a no-brainer that stakeholders play a vital role when it comes to managing schools. Not only do they accompany the school leaders in creating a better environment for conducive teaching and learning, but they also seek to expand the number of people involved in making important decisions related to a school’s organization, operation, and academics, granted that stakeholder refers to anyone who is invested in the welfare and success of a school/school system. This includes its students, administrators, teachers, staff members, students, parents, families, community members, local business leaders, board members, administrators and government officials. Another key point is that the term “stakeholders” can be used interchangeably with the concept of a “school community,” for it must be admitted that building an amiable relationship between these two is necessary for the school system.

In the light of stakeholders showing great endeavors for the betterment of the school, engagement strategies are done to improve communication and public understanding, while also incorporating the perspectives, experiences, and expertise of participating community members in arrange to move forward to improve reform proposals, strategies, or forms. Aside from that, stakeholders have legal decision-making authority and can influence project schedules and budgets. Most project stakeholders have
commercial obligations, such as teaching developers, financing initiatives, establishing schedule parameters, and determining breakthrough dates. (chron, "Responsibilities Of Stakeholders, 2014). Therefore, stakeholder engagement must be calculated and systematic where everyone is interconnected, and have influence throughout the decision-making process, not just at the end.

By the same token, school administrators, who lead schools play a vital role in structuring and developing the school and students for the most part. As a matter of fact, they are responsible for the learning materials which are essential for curriculum implementation, they employ the services of professional for evaluating the performance. They plan, administer, and evaluate district and school systems and policies, as well as providing instructional leadership.

Parents on the other hand, influence the implementation of the curriculum by keeping abreast with the performance of their children, guiding their children academically, monitoring the lessons taught at schools, and filling the gap between their children and the school administration by providing various resources which are not available in school. Additionally, parents alongside teachers often observe the social and behavioral development of a child, especially for special educational needs. Their individual perceptions and understanding can help motivate children within the school environment.

By issuing licenses to graduates of various institutions and colleges, the government, the professional regulating commission, and other stakeholders participate.. They are also accountable for funds, establishing schools and colleges, developing curricula, and in determining requirements for enrollment and graduation, implementation and evaluation of, say, health promotion and education programs in schools.

On top of that, the community as a whole is the biggest stakeholder in the education system. This is because local schools are where future employees, business owners, and
community leaders are educated and shaped. A substantial education program builds a stronger community by preparing students to be successful community members.

In that case, shared leadership among stakeholders gives rise to the topic of leadership roles and decision-making opportunities for everyone involved in a system. Additionally, it is crystal clear they hold great responsibilities and plans up their sleeves, and that the they are also obligated to involve the broader community in important decisions in relation to the governance, operation, or improvement of the school. In view of this, a school won't be able to function properly if anything goes wrong or a misunderstanding happened among stakeholders. With this in mind, a healthy relationship between the school and stakeholders in general is important, as this will enable everybody to harmoniously work together, which will have a positive impact on the students.

As has been noted, it is of the essence to know that stakeholders are unquestionably crucial in the matter of education. To create effective education system and effective learning environments, all stakeholders must come together because a successful collaboration between all stakeholders means healthy relationships that creates successful teaching and learning outcomes.

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