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Strategic Planning Meeting - November 21, 2013

Individuals present: Randy Schade, Craig Cahoon, Bob Leischow, Tammy Tom-Steinmetz, Lisa Kirker, Dulcie Lilly, Melissa Ploeckelman, Donna Krueger, Edward Haas, Dennis Wenzel, Marcia Diedrich, Brenda Medenwaldt, Mary Boor, Bill Tesmer, Jim Schmidt, Jesse Meddaugh, Seth Pinter, Jessie Polivka, Cassie Meyer, Connie Gurtner, Jena Elmhorst, Eric Elmhorst, Dennis Engel, Todd Schmidt, Larry Oehmichen, Terri Wiersma, Cody Meyers, Steve Kolden, Mr. Paul Hardt.

Mr. Hardt reviewed the November 7 meeting minutes. Grants and other forms of income were noted to add to the list of priorities. Afterschool program for kids struggling was added to opportunities.

Mr. Kolden reviewed School Vouchers. Public school vouchers do not seem to be going away anytime soon so the District needs to continue to address this. He then reviewed District poverty levels, district open enrollment demographics, miscellaneous data requests, and student achievement.

The committee then broke into small groups to work on a SOAR (Strengths, Opportunities, Aspirations, Results) Activity.

Mr. Kolden reviewed the 2011-12 and 2012-13 "State of Technology" for the District.

The groups continued to work on the SOAR Activity. The results were:

Strengths

Grad Rate
Closing the gaps compared to state average.
Read 180 Program
Breakfast/Lunch/Summer School Lunch
Very good facilities
Good parental support
Great community support
Great custodial crew
Interventions for struggling learners
Closing the economic gap (test scores)
Network upgrades are already done
Cost savings in paper and mailings
Community Education program
Improved communication through use of District website
Solid data to drive decision-making
Solid infrastructure upon which we can improve technology resources
Develop technology plan
SMI / SRI Data
ELL graduation rates
ELL study club

Read 180
Title I
Infrastructure
Technology Committee
Hands on learning
Staff Willingness to use technology

Opportunities

Community involvement with reading
Get more parents to fill out free/reduced forms
Offers extra-curricular and co-curriculars
Outside businesses
Distant learning
Working with students
RTI program improvements to hardware
Little Stars
Red house
Parental involvement
Public access channel (99) Charter
After school activities (structured)
Plan for CDEC
Market the school website

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Survey for parents who send kids to another district
After school program (extend opportunity to people outside district to work with students)
Apply for grants based on free-reduced numbers
After school academic support
ELL support
Hands on learning
Software programs for students

Aspirations

Weekend meals
1 to 1 initiative technology
More parents need educational priorities
Going green
More life skill classes
More inter-district coop
Matching up with other districts
Teach students to think – TEACH BASICS
ELL w/technology coops
Sharing staff with Abbotsford
Change the public school funding formula
More ELL support
Close open enrollment gap

More ELL support
1:1 devices
Technology for students and staff
More Title I staff (math)
Interactive e-books virtual texts

Results

Savings in phone upgrade
Improve test results from using new tech
Smaller gaps due to technology
Less open enrollment out – more kids coming in
Well rounded individuals
Keeping costs down
Students more prepared to continue their education
Technology educated students
1:1 ratio
TBD
Enhance curriculum through use of technology
Close gaps
Happy students, staff, administration, parents
Close gaps socio-economic

Mr. Kolden discussed the Community Survey questions. He has asked the committee to provide any additional questions they would like included on the survey. Please contact Mr. Kolden if you have any suggestions.

Next meeting dates:

Wednesday, December 11 @ 6 PM – Colby Middle School

Wednesday, January 8 @ 6 PM – Colby Middle School