

Agenda

1.19.06

Introduction of CELL

The Center of Excellence in Leadership of Learning (CELL, cell.uindy.edu), which put on the high school conference in November and has worked with schools and communities across the nation, has offered to work with the Graduation Work Group in understanding our current reality and in evaluating potential high school models. The Organization Committee has accepted their offer. CELL's work with other schools and communities has given them a wealth of expertise and experience, and we will be able to work with them as consultants and facilitators. Nancy Sutton, Ruth Green, and Leonard Burrello from CELL will be in attendance.

Thomas Friedman: "This Is the World"

Dr. Maloy has articulated a vision of world class schools for every learner, which has been a charge of the Graduation Work Group. In this video Thomas Friedman describes the world as he sees it, which also happens to be the one into which our students will graduate and in which they will have to compete.

A vision of the 21st Century Learner

We have data from students, parents, teachers, administrators, and community members that speak to their values and beliefs about high school. From these data we distilled eight broad themes. In our last meeting, there were those who wanted to evaluate our high schools as they are currently structured and others who wanted to evaluate other structural models. The propaedeutic activity that will serve both lines of inquiry is articulating a vision of the 21st Century learner in light of those guiding principles. We will introduce that work January 19.

The vision of the 21st Century learner will also serve as the initial point of contact between the Graduation Work Group and the work on a strategic plan for the MCCSC. The planning group for Strategic Planning has given the Graduation Work Group the charge of articulating a vision for the 21st Century Learner. That makes sense because preparing our students to be 21st Century learners begins at the beginning of their education, not in their last four years with us, and is integral to their vision in the strategic planning process.

Blue and Red team work

Articulating a vision of the 21st Century learner will be accomplished in the Blue and Red teams working independently of each other, just as we did in distilling the themes from the community data. We will invite MCCSC members from Strategic Planning for this particular task to insure the vision has broad input. At our next meeting, those two versions will be reconciled.