

Graduation Workgroup Minutes, 11.3.05

Agenda

Other

Conference

Questions about purpose, process, data

Need to include HHCC representation

Norms

Draft of guiding principles

Next Steps

Question about process, purpose.

Inquire into the current status of our schools—self-evaluate

Do we have enough data to reflect the values and beliefs of the community?

Norms agreed to by group

- If you wonder it, ask it
- Watch your air time
- Engage ideas
- Speak for the group
- Do not speak for individuals
- Keep an open mind
- Report back to constituents

Blue team process:

1. Divided questions into groups and by constituents
2. Identified prevalent perceptions as a whole group
3. Created list of common themes across all 4 questions

Red team process:

1. Created 4 teams, one for each question
2. Developed list of common themes by individual question

Blue team listed the themes for all four questions it found as a group.

Red team listed the themes it found for each question.

Start from Blue team themes and refer to and incorporate Red team themes into one overall list of agreed upon themes.

1. What is our key question – what does a high school need to look like to create world-class graduates vs what does a high school graduate need to look like to be world-class?
2. Through what perspective are the key themes viewed – example: flexibility could mean flexible learning environment and/or graduates able to react positively to change in their careers
3. List of themes
 - a. Flexibility
 - b. Engagement with students, parents, educators and community
 - c. Smaller school and classes – intimate environment
 - d. Personalization
 - e. Relationship development with each other, adults, and educators
 - f. Good school environment – positive, safe
 - g. Relevant and broad curriculum
 - h. Educating for life in a democratic society

Next steps

1. Review agreed upon themes
2. Conduct member check on themes making sure to check for missed items
3. Gather data on world-class models presented Nov 17-18 for each theme
4. Next meeting Thu Nov 22 7-9pm
 - a. Debrief on member check
 - b. Debrief on Nov 17-18 data
5. Identify additional data needed to validate themes