

Strategic Planning Team Minutes May 15, 2006

The Strategic Planning Team held its meeting at Bloomington High School North in the Large Group Room. Lynn Black welcomed the Team and made opening comments. Myra Farmer reported to the team of the meeting that was held on Wednesday, May 10th at the Administration Building. Several of the team members met to review the information that had been collected from various focus group sessions across the community. The result of the information revealed the six themes below:

1. Fiscal Responsibility/Effective & Equitable Allocation of Resources
2. A Community of Quality Teachers, Leaders, & Support Staff
3. Engaged Parents & Community
4. Rigorous Curriculum & Instruction [& Climate for Learning]
5. Focus on Planning & Priorities
6. Effective & Equitable Allocation of Resources

Tarrey Banks presented to the team the MCCSC Mission Statement. After much discussion and a few changes the team accepted the Mission Statement that was presented. The team had previously accepted the Vision Statements.

Jim Ellsberry gave a presentation on how the themes were gleaned from the input of the various focus groups and how the themes are connected with the Mission and Vision Statements. Carol Maloney then shared with the team her findings in the focus sessions that she had conducted. These responses had not been included in the information gathering meeting the previous week but was connected to the earlier themes that the planning team began with. This information was then compared, contrasted and included with the other community input. Gracia Valliant and Valerie Gliessman also shared comments from their respective focus groups and that we needed to continue to get more information after these goals are proposed to the School Board.

The team then divided into smaller groups to look at each theme and to write a statement that could be presented as a goal for the district. These goals will be presented along with the Mission and Vision Statements to the School Board on Tuesday, June 13, 2006. (The original date for the Board meeting was changed from Tuesday, June 6, 2006.)

Lynn Black thanked the group for all of their hard work and time commitment for this past school year. Each member will be given the opportunity to continue serving on either an advisory committee to track the progress of the district related to the new goals or the larger committee for the 2006 – 2007 school year.