

Strategic Planning Steering Committee Meeting - 12/13/18

In attendance - Deborah Walters, Leslie Rogers, Sierra Hansen, Ryan Koeble, Brian Monroe-Jones, Rob Baumgartner, Monica Wheaton, Pam Espinosa, Deb Anderson, Brandon Lagerquist, Deborah Kilgore, Mike Piper, Brandi Huff, Justine Locke, Kelly Carlson, Matthew Grover, Jeanne Petty, Valerie Rosman, and Annie Neilson.

Welcome -Steering team members introduced themselves. Strategies360 announced that the January 10th meeting is cancelled and the last two meetings are February 13th and March 14th. They reviewed that the committee's work is to develop the plan for the strategic plan Blueprint 2025. The team is working on the community survey questions which will help narrow down the plan for the district.

Stakeholder Meetings - Sierra passed around copies of Interhigh student feedback and DLT feedback. She recapped these stakeholder meetings.

Interhigh Council Feedback

The Interhigh council gave feedback on what the district could do better, what their ideal school would be, and what the district does well. Strategies360 shared that strong interpersonal relationships with staff and the Importance of extracurricular activities are two items that stood out.

Discussion followed, including a request from committee members to ensure all student groups are/were represented and have an opportunity to provide feedback.

DLT feedback

DLT consisted of over 100 people broken into different groups. Strategies360 gave a presentation including examples of other school district's strategic plans (shared at the first committee meeting). The DLT meeting was made up of principals and department heads. Sierra shared that DLT was asked to define achievable goals, big goals, and what is unique about Edmonds.

Discussion followed regarding the efficacy of these feedback meetings, including capturing students in K-8. Strategies360 is meeting with equity consultant Bernardo Ruiz next week regarding minority representation and voice.

Online Survey - The hope is to capture as many people as possible. The survey can be constructed to deliver an extra set of questions to teachers, students, or parents. Possible survey questions were discussed.

Lesley asked if the six goals developed by the committee are still going in the right direction based on the feedback from Interhigh Council and DLT. Goals were discussed, including:

- Translating surveys into multiple languages.
- Maximizing parent participation in surveys.
- Utilizing existing District surveys.
- Using targeted survey questions to narrow down goals. Include open ended questions about big goals and ranked questions.
- Presenting survey results by quadrant.
- Ensuring survey questions are relevant to the school experience today.
- Having students feel connected to staff and providing a safe environment for students.
- Identifying parent education expectations.
- Helping every student develop a post-graduation plan.
- Providing equal access to after school sports and programs.
- Evaluating the availability of transportation.
- Achieving equity of educational opportunity at all high schools.
- Removing financial barriers for students (for example, activity fees).
- Striving toward equity of access and opportunity for students District-wide.
- Prioritizing infrastructure to provide safe and comfortable schools.
- Utilizing equitable curriculum District-wide.

Closing - There will be a draft of the online survey for the next meeting. The committee will email Lesley and Sierra if there are additional ideas to include.

Next meeting: February 13th, 6:30 pm, at College Place Middle School Library.