

Meeting Date: December 12, 2024

Location: WHS Library

Welcome: Tim Dettwiller - Superintendent

Facilitator: Dan Roberts

Attendees: Sign In Sheet

Presentation Slides

Minutes:

- 1) Facilitator Dan Roberts reviewed the following discussion from the last meeting
 - a) Qualities of a high-functioning team
 - b) Qualities of a great school district
 - c) Challenges "on the mountain"
- 2) Facilitator focused the group discussion on the challenges prioritized at the last meeting
 - a) Student Behavior - Dr. Tanner (Holmes Principal) and the Superintendent discussed student behavior challenges at Holmes and what they are doing to address it. Parents provided their input. 2 high school students were in attendance and the facilitator solicited their input as high school students. Pupil Services Director Natalie Harmeling also added district initiatives impacting behavior at Holmes Elementary. Several attendees chimed in with concerns and ideas.
 - b) Parent/Community Involvement - attendees provided input and suggestions for fostering parent/community involvement in our schools
 - c) Importance of public education, report cards, and the negative perception the community has about the schools was discussed. The team agreed the state report card does have an impact on the communities perception of the district.
 - d) Superintendent Dettwiller suggested we add Finance and Facilities as an additional challenge.
- 3) Mission Statement
 - a) The group consensus was that they would like to see a new mission statement for the District. Current statement is too long and needs to be updated.
- 4) Strategic Planning process discussion
 - a) student perspectives were very much appreciated
 - b) good speaking prompts
 - c) need more voices from the team (group work)
 - d) members are a strong representation of the community.
 - e) need to focus conversation more and establish time limits for topics

The next meeting is scheduled for January 23, 2025 at 5:30pm in the High School Library.