

Mission, Vision, and Values Committee Minutes 12/10/07

Members in attendance:

Kara McLendon (committee chair)
Erin Trifaro (committee secretary)
Jenny Taylor
Grace McKinney
Courtney Radford

Members not in attendance:

Ritha Selby
Emily Rowe

Others present

Julia Rucci (meeting facilitator and visionary extraordinaire)

The meeting began promptly. Jenny Taylor distributed several helpful handouts including a tentative schedule/timetable for completing the committee work, which was created by Julia.

Julia facilitated the meeting. She began with the big picture by explaining how the school's goals were tied to the counties, which were tied to the state.... Julia explained that only areas which show a statistical need for improvement are now included in the SIP. This is the reason reading, for example, is not included in the SIP at this time. There is no statistical need for improvement in this area at this time.

Julia next lead a discussion of what the job of the Mission, Vision, and Values Committee is and what the definition and purpose of a mission statement, vision statement and values statement is. The team read examples of well-written statements as well as a handout entitled 'Future-Ready Students'. Jenny shared a document on 21st Century Learners.

Next, the team determined that a good starting point would be to work on developing a school vision statement. The team brainstormed ideas, which were felt to be of importance. Next, the team began to consider how these ideas should be organized.

It was decided that four separate areas should be addressed. These areas included the qualities we wish to see in the learning environment, the staff, the students, and the climate in our school.

Kara typed these 'rough draft' statements while the team collectively created them. The team felt the statements were a bit cumbersome and needed some editing and revision, but decided that it would be powerful to present them to the staff via email in their rough form to get feedback from all involved before further revision took place.

Kara sent this draft to the staff as an attachment and requested feedback before our next meeting.