

Notes from March 11th Community Conversation Hosted by Greg Finke

SUCCESS

Community owns decisions

District needs to open and include community

Great people in district
Let loose freedom

More community volunteers

More accountable

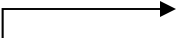
Problem solving and other basic life applications
Communicate with people

Communicate without technology
People skills

Well rounded curriculum – Beginning in elementary
Music, art, physical education
Where they want to go in life

Global awareness
Languages

Don't give up on gifted students
Study habits



Get into college

The Specials teach more
Self esteem
Purpose
Confidence
Coping skills

Gets kids on stage
Sharing with community

Shows community what kids are doing

Enjoy something in school so they are motivated

Team building

Deal with fears

Opportunities to challenge themselves

Interest in Specials = Interest in school

Offer a lot of opportunities

Inclusive to all kids' learning

Teachers need to help

Refreshed

Kids refreshed

Need outlets and breaks

Need more periods per day

Causes too many limits

Colleges
want well
rounded
students

Not enough electives

Resumes weren't so good

Grade points down

More flexibility

More front loaded (early in high school electives)

More help in managing schedules and options

→ For parents

→ For students

Paying extra for electives and summer classes –
EG. Most kids take PE in summer
to free up electives

{ Equity across families

{ Equal access to opportunities

Better staff-parent communication and relationship

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More knowledgeable staff

Support teachers and staff

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Administrators working closer with teachers and staff

Good start time → Start earlier

Involve
students more
in their own
education

← HAC – Better knowledge and utility of this

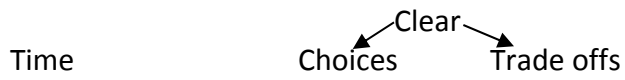
Involved parents

Students need to be more active in their own education
And involved earlier

Push out info on opportunities to parents/kids

Emphasize what is beyond the state report card

Set goals and measure for success outside state test



Invitations
Involve alumni

Integrated with community and township goals

School

Opportunities for involvement

Crossroads
Involvement