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Strategic Planning Subcommittee Report

Date: April 16, 2010

Committee: Strategic Planning

Meeting Date: April 6, 2010

Members Present: Eric Dube, Betsy Peters, and Shannon Welsh

With Diane Boucher, Finance Director and David Ruff, Great Schools

Agenda Items and Discussion:

Review of Proposed Financial Indicators:

The draft Strategic Plan Financial Indicators document was presented for review and consideration by the Strategic Planning Committee. Members of the Financial Indicators group included Rod Regier from Freeport; Allan Purinton from Durham; Cliff Ruprecht from Pownal; Lois Kilby-Chesley representing our teachers; Diane Boucher and Shannon Welsh. The document provides detailed information pertaining to each of the strategic goals. In addition, the group recommended an additional Goal to evaluate and maintain financial health of the organization. The Strategic Planning Committee provided suggested changes to the document to have two additional years of information on the square footage costs by students (goal 1). They discussed the use of weighted averages and comparable systems. Several format changes were also recommended. Overall, the committee was very pleased and appreciative of the work completed by the Financial Indicators group. This document will provide the baseline data for documentation of our finances over time. The Board had anticipated adoption of this work at the meeting on April 28th but the Strategic Planning Committee is recommending this be moved to May 12th due to the need to focus on the proposed 2010-2011 budget.

Update on Performance Indicators meetings:

David Ruff, Great Schools, presented a summary of information developed as a result of the Performance Indicator Task Force work on March 11th. A follow-up meeting is scheduled for April 12th to review the recommendations and consider additional questions that they didn't have time to address at the first meeting. David walked the Strategic Planning Committee through the draft report and explained why recommendations were made. Members discussed the recommendations and raised additional questions they would like the Task Force to consider.

There has been very positive feedback from members of the Task Force about the process used to consider additional performance indicators. Teachers, parents, administrators, and students are represented on the Task Force. The quality of discussion and work from the group is exceptional and greatly appreciated.

It is also recommended that the final recommendations be presented to the Strategic Planning Committee at their next meeting scheduled for May 4th at 5:30 p.m. at the Central Office. We anticipated finalizing the document for presentation to the Board at their May 12th meeting.

Next Meeting: May 4, 2010

Press release recommended? Not at this time.

Submitted by: Shannon L. Welsh, Superintendent