

**Vision Forward
Community Engagement Team
Meeting Notes
Tuesday, May 24, 2022**

Review of CES #5 Presentation

The committee discussed the CES #5 Community Engagement Meeting and the presentation. The committee thought the presentation provided important information about the age, cost, challenges of district buildings and provided a re-cap of previous sessions. They liked the video of the staff and students and thought it provided a “boots on the ground” perspective of those who work in the buildings every day.

The committee agreed that the set up at both Lafayette and Benton provided an opportunity for input from those who had not attended past meetings at Word of Life Church. They thought the sound system and set up worked well in the gymnasiums, but they preferred the set up at WOLC.

Review of Verbatim Responses and Executive Summary

The committee briefly reviewed the verbatim responses and the executive summary and had no changes or suggestions. The documents were sent to committee members prior to the meeting for their review.

Discussion of Next Steps

Dr. Edgar and SJSJ administrators will begin work this summer with District Leadership Solutions, the consulting company hired to assist the district in developing the Action Plan. The Priority Statements created by the Community Engagement Team with guidance from Creative Entourage consultants at the May 24th meeting, will be the basis for the Action Plan. The Community Engagement Team will take a break over the summer while the administration begins to work on the plan.

The SJSJ administration will present the Action Plan to the Community Engagement Team members for their review in early September.

The Community Engagement Team will begin the process of re-engaging the community and soliciting feedback on the Action Plan in September.

It is anticipated the Community Engagement team co-chairs will present the final plan to the SJSJ Board of Education in December 2022.

Review of Vision Forward Priority Statements

The committee agreed after much discussion, agreed upon the six priority statements that will shape the Action Plan. The committee wanted to ensure that the wording reflected what was

said by the participants and were not the thoughts, ideas, or words of the committee. The committee reviewed the verbatim responses from past meetings as they discussed each priority statement.

The Priority Statements have been forwarded to SJSD leadership for next steps and will be posted on the Vision Forward webpage for public view.

Closing Comments

The committee discussed how appreciation could be expressed to community participants who took part in the process whether in-person or through Zoom. The possibilities included, sending an email or letter of thanks to those who attended the sessions and a thank you print ad in the News Press. The committee appreciated the thoughtful conversations and engagement that took place at the community sessions and look forward to re-engaging the public in the fall.