

**Vision Forward**  
**Community Engagement Team**  
**Meeting Notes**  
**Tuesday, April 12, 2022**

**Welcome**

The committee welcomed back team member Don Crabtree who had missed the past few months due to health issues.

**Review of CES#3 Presentation**

The committee discussed the CES #3 presentations – The Special Programs Overview by Dlo DuVall, SJSJ Assistant Director of Special Programs and Improving Student Performance Grades 1-5 by Dr. Diane Rutledge. The committees discussed the pros and cons of having an outside speaker. Most agreed a preference to have a district employee make the presentations in the future, if possible. They understood the challenges last month including the time crunch faced with spring break.

**Review of Work Activity**

The committee reviewed and approved with one minor edit the Small-Group Work Activity for CES#4.

**Review of CES#4 Presentation/Outline/Preliminary Slides**

CES#4 presenter, Lafayette High School Principal Dr. Ashly McGinnis, discussed content for the next presentation on April 26 at Lafayette High School. The committee critiqued the presentation, made suggestions such as asking for data on attendance, graduation rates and reading proficiency be included and deleting some information felt more pertinent to the May 17 presentation on Facilities for Learning.

Dr. Lara Gilpin, Benton High School Principal was in attendance and shared information about the difference between a 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade model and a 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> model. The middle school or junior high model will be discussed.

**Selection of Presenter for CES#5 on May 17**

The committee discussed the CES #5 presentation, Facilities for Learning, which will be held at Benton High School on May 17 and identifying possible presenters. A number of options were explored. Dr. Gabe Edgar, currently the Assistant Superintendent for Business and Operations, will determine what staff members will be available to present at the final meeting of the year.

**Next meeting on May 10 for CES#5 presentation planning**

The next Community Engagement Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 10 from 6-8 p.m. at TMC. The last Community Engagement Community Session will be May 17 at Benton High School from 6-8 p.m.

**Next session:** April 21, 2022 via Zoom for final review of CES#4 presentation  
April 26, 2022 - CES#4 at Lafayette High School, 6-8 p.m.