

VisionForward
Community Engagement Team (CET-5)
Meeting Notes
Tuesday, March 1, 2022

Review of CES #2 , Verbatim Responses, Work Activity

The team shared their observations from CES #2 that was held at Word of Life Church on Feb. 22. The session was both in-person and virtual. Members agreed the virtual option worked very well and a few committee members received feedback from virtual participants who indicated they felt very much a part of the session. Everyone agreed the location was excellent. The final verbatim response report was not finalized yet, however, committee members discussed conversations and comments from the participants which included support for teachers and efforts to improve the District and the community reputations.

Attendees from first two sessions: CES#1 - 133 signed in; 38 staff; 24 virtual
 CES#2 - 123 signed in; 45 staff; 37 virtual

Suggestions for future work activities included less emphasis on ranking due to concerns about lack of time to reach consensus. Committee members felt the groups were having meaningful, longer conversations and then not having enough time to rank. Activities might be modified to simply ask for “common ideas” and not rank.

Review of Future CES Topics

While future topics are confirmed, the date and locations required discussion. After several factors related to location were reviewed, it was decided to present *Improving Student Performance* (two sessions focusing on curriculum and instruction) in March and April. These sessions will be followed by *Facilities for Learning* in May.

Improving Student Performance (Pre-K through Grade 5) presentation in March will included information Vision Forward participants indicated as a top priorities

- attendance, economic and demographic impact on learning, English as a Second Language Learners, early childhood education, Parents as Teachers
- disparity in opportunities between schools
- curriculum and achievement today and future possibilities
- how learning is impacted by facilities
- parent involvement and impact on learning

Improving Student Performance (Grades 6-12) presentation in April will included information Vision Forward participants indicated as a top priorities

- middle school models
- graduation and dropout rates
- career ready programs
- disparity in opportunities between high schools
- curriculum and achievement today and future possibilities
- how learning is impacted by facilities

- parent involvement and impact on learning

Additional Planning for Community Engagement Session #3

- Communications
 - The team asked for flyers to be sent to the schools to distribute to parents at Parent-Teacher Conferences. They also plan to have committee reps at schools to personally invite parents.
 - Confirmed ongoing communication and promotional efforts are good and should be continued.
- Presentation Rehearsal
 - This meeting will be on Tuesday, March 15, but the time was adjusted to 7 p.m. to accommodate Parent-Teacher Conference times.
 - Superintendent Dr. Doug Van Zyl will work with CE representatives to finalize presenters and specific data to be shared at sessions CES# 3 and CES#4.
- Pre-Session Video
 - The District will create a brief video showing St. Joseph classrooms and teacher daily work schedules. This video will be shown at sessions CES #3 and #4 as attendees arrive.

Next session: TM - March 15, 2022 (time changed to 7 p.m.); CES#3 - March 29