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Strategic Planning Committee Meeting

Date: Oct 22, 2026

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On October 22, PVSchools held it's first Strategic Planning Committee, with 14 members representing all stakeholder groups (Parents, PVEA, COA, PVP and PVSEA) present.

We began by establishing a shared understanding of the phases of our strategic planning work and reviewing our committee charter, clarifying our committee's purpose and how we'll go about our work. Superintendent Courson provided key context for our committee, and then we heard an update from the leaders of SEPAC (Superintendent's Enrollment Planning Advisory Committee), reviewed district student learning data, and examined how PVSchools planned Academies/Pathways will support student success from middle school through graduation.

In small groups, committee members identified issues in education that will be important for consideration to inform our ongoing work.

Committee members learned about a survey launched this week through ParentSquare to invite staff and family input to inform how we will update our district's mission, vision, and values at our next meeting. (The survey window is October 20-29.)

Finally, the committee approved this summary/share statement to support communication efforts across all stakeholder groups.

Our next meeting is scheduled for November 2 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.