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Strategic Planning Committee Meeting 2

Date: Nov 2, 2026

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PVSchools held its second Strategic Planning Committee meeting on November 2, with 15 committee members representing all stakeholder groups (Parents/UPC, PVSEA, PVEA, PVP, and COA) alongside district facilitators.

We reviewed our revised committee charter and confirmed shared working agreements to guide our collaborative work.

The committee examined external guidance from the Arizona Institute on Education and the Economy (AIEE), including future workforce trends, emerging skill demands, and the AZ State 48 Graduation Profile, as well as the ISTE AI-Ready Graduate Profile. These resources helped inform discussions about how advances in AI and broader economic shifts could shape updates to the PVSchools Portrait of a Graduate and help guide our mission, vision, and values.

The bulk of the meeting was focused on learning about and writing mission statements. Members first reviewed staff and family survey results (1823 responses) and engaged in small-group drafting and wordsmithing mission statements, producing two polished mission statement options. We also initiated preliminary work to evaluate the district's vision. The committee will share draft mission and visions with stakeholder groups to determine best choices that serve to inspire and guide PVSchools – when vision work is also complete.

To wrap up, committee members provided actionable feedback on agenda structure and participant needs to guide preparation for the next meeting, and approved this summary/share out statement to support communication across all stakeholder groups. Our next meeting is scheduled for November 16 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.