

NOTES-- Draft
Orange County Schools Board of Education Meeting
Visioning and Community Engagement Initiative
Stakeholder Group Meeting
November 24, 2014

The purpose of this presentation at the BOE meeting was to:

- Provide an update to the BOE on the Community Engagement and Visioning Initiative having shared the revised draft vision document with members of the BOE in digital form on Sunday, November 23.
- Review the revised draft document in person and collect comments re: vision document and engagement process from members of the BOE through a modified SWOT analysis.
- BOE comments to be shared with the Stakeholders Group at their December 3 Community Engagement Meeting to consider for further emphasis or revision of the draft vision document, determine community consensus and to plan next steps/roll out of the community's vision.

Board of Education Comments:

Strengths

Focus on Students

- Empowering students to be creative and constructive thinkers
- Students – “benefit of themselves and our collective future”
- Students as healthy and productive members of our community
- Students must take ownership; statements start with the word “I”
- “Empowers all students to be successful”

Calls to Action

- Call on Board of Education and Board of County Commissioners “To develop policies that create healthy safe and nurturing environments.”
- Principals and teachers must be inviting → open to suggestions
- Call to Action: “Expect teachers and principals to be inviting and encouraging of students and their families.”
- Calls to Action: “Creation of a welcoming schools culture and an expectation of success through partnership”

Value of Community and Community Engagement

- Diversity of community representation
- Safe, healthy environments
- Broad net that is being cast will benefit our district
- Great cross-section of participants
- Building relationships
- Community Engagement

Family Engagement

- “We believe in the importance of engaging a child’s family; its interest and support in achieving high quality educational outcomes of their child”

Teaching creativity

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Weaknesses

- Lots of references to principals, teachers, administrators but no references to all staff/employees
- Has been needed for way too long
- The history was built on a foundation that was exclusive (i.e. 1732)
- \$\$ needed to meet some vision statements

Opportunities

- To collaborate with educators and parents and community in a real way that continues beyond this
- This process has been a great benefit for our school district

Threats

- Needs to remain evergreen
- The legislative agenda in Raleigh to diminish public education

Next Steps:

- December 3, 2014 -- Community Engagement and Visioning Meeting: Share BOE and Additional Stakeholder Comments for further emphasis or revision
- If revised, do we have community consensus?
- Plan next steps/roll out of the community’s vision
- December 8, 2014 -- Community Reception and Vision Presentation to BOE
- December 9, 2014 -- Strategic Planning Committee Alignment Meeting