

BFCCPS Mission Committee Meeting Minutes Monday, November 15, 2010

Attendees: Ed Callahan, Lori Clements, Anna dos Santos, Santhi Marusamy, Gail Trotin

Absent: Lax Iyer, Heather Zolnowski

Meeting started at 7:35pm

Anna will do the minutes of the meeting.

The minutes of the October 18, 2010, meeting were approved.

Vision Statement

The group discussed and brainstormed ideas and concepts for the vision statement of the school. Some of the keywords identified are: "innovation", "rigorous", "confidence", "creativity", "flexibility", and "adaptability". It was agreed that the components of the 21st century skills movement are already part of a BFCCPS education and need to be highlighted and strengthened. The group also agreed that we need to clearly identify what sets us apart from other schools since over the years, our unique qualities have been adopted by many other schools. Gail drafted a very preliminary vision statement as a starting point.

Additional Curriculum Offerings

The group listed and discussed a variety of potential curriculum offerings:

- engineering, design, inventing; partner with Museum of Science programs ("Saturday Science"?); partner with technology companies; partner with other museums
- 8th grade career program – facilitate visits with various professionals
- beginning philosophy
- debating, debating club
- public speaking
- basic economics & finance
- advanced keyboarding
- participate in Math Olympiad
- Destination Imagination-like challenges in arts block class (creativity, team work, problem solving)

Next meeting is on December 20, 2010.

Action Items

- All members will take Gail's sample vision and come up with additional samples.
- All members should continue to research other curriculum offerings

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.