

BFCCPS Mission Committee Meeting Minutes Monday, October 18, 2010

Attendees: Lori, Anna, Santhi, Lax, Gail, Heather

Absent: Ed

Meeting started at 7.45pm

1. First point was the meeting minutes. It needs to have the following:
 - a. List of attendees
 - b. Description of discussions in the meeting
 - c. List of action Items from the meeting.

It was decided that committee members would take turns in recording the minutes of the meeting. Lax took the notes for this meeting.

2. Review of Fiscal Y11 initiatives
 - a. Vision Statement: The committee discussed coming up with a couple of options for vision and present it to the parents and board. The board will vote on it.
 - b. Curriculum additions to be recommended to the board. We will do the leg -work now.
 - c. We will also help the Parents Enrichment Council under HOS to implement mission-oriented activities during the course of the year. Enrichment council is different from PCO. It's focused on supporting the mission and parents as primary educators in particular.

Two High Level Discussions:

Vision: Vision is why we are doing it and mission is how we are doing it.

The group reviewed a Vision assessment tool- a chart... All members received a copy of it. It would provide a frame work to think about the vision. Two articles, "Teaching 21 Century" and "STEM", were passed out. They may help in formulating the vision as well as identifying additional curriculum options.

Thoughts and comments from the group:

- Is our vision to create a community /leaders of tomorrow/well rounded personality?
- Values of the community need to be identified. Four of them – Equity, excellence , choice and efficiency – of education- which is already present in school material. These must be encompassed in the vision.
- The most important thing is that the kids take away is not just the academics

- but the other aspects such as community.
- It should also include a belief statement such as ,”We believe all students can learn”
 - In addition the four public values: Knowledge , character, responsibility and community

There was some discussion about whether we should address innovation and collaboration in the vision. It was felt that this would fall out of the vision statement

Curriculum:

There was interesting discussion on the success of the Finland curriculum/ education system setup; should look up that to learn some more!

Committee members agree that we are doing a good job on the basic curriculum but there are scope for improvements in other aspects as recommended in the the “Teachng 21 Century” article.

Action Items

- Gail will get the articles/books on Finland educational system and send it to the committee via Anna to be distributed to the committee members.
- All members would mull over our discussion/ideas – jot down any thoughts, ideas, fragments, etc. for the vision statement, as well as ideas for additional curriculum offerings, and bring them to the next meeting on Nov. 15.

Meeting adjourned at 9.04 pm.