

BFCCPS Mission Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 17, 2011
BFCCPS Library

Attendees: Lori Clements, Anna dos Santos, Katie Lepsevich, Santhi Marusamy, Charles Piso (8:10est), Gail Trotin, Thom Viveiros (7:40)

Absent: Ed Callahan, Lax Iyer, Heather Zolnowski

Meeting started at 7:10pm

The **Mission Committee Charter** for 2011-2012 was reviewed. Santhi and Anna are co-chairs; Santhi will create and distribute the monthly agenda; Anna will create and distribute the monthly minutes.

Vision Statement Roll Out Plan

- The group discussed creating a follow-up document that “unpacks” the meaning of the Vision Statement. Since every word was chosen carefully by the committee, the intended meaning needs to be clear to everyone in the school community.
- Gail suggested that we look at pulling together “collective commitments” based on the Mission and Vision from all groups involved in student learning:
 - teachers make a commitment to...
 - parents make a commitment to...
 - students make a commitment to...
 - administration makes a commitment to...
- This concept comes from Revisiting Professional Learning Communities at Work: New Insights for Improving Schools by Dufour, Dufour, and Eaker. Gail will pull together materials to explain this idea.

Future Initiatives

- The group then discussed a future initiative of formally establishing a professional learning community at BFCCPS. This will need more investigation.
- Khan Academy was brought up as a resource that perhaps can be used by the school. Gail then talked about Mastery Connect, a website that is a collection of formative assessments on a variety of topics. Subscribers (teachers) can have students do online assessments, graph the results and know whether or not concepts are understood. The assessments are based on the national Common Core Standards. Increased use of online resources, like these 2 examples, may be a future recommendation.

Vision Key Words

- For the next meeting the following people will define the following key words from the Vision Statement:

- Thom: Inclusive (equity; all learners)
- Gail: Vibrant learning community
- Charles: Integrity
- Santhi: Knowledge
- Lori: Resourcefulness (problem solving; thinking outside the box)
- Katie: Empower
- Ed: Serve the greater community(local, national, global)
- Lax: Confidence (21st century)

Next meeting will be on November 21, 2011, at 7:00pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm