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NPA Strategic Planning Committee
Wednesday, April 16, 2008
Minutes

Call to Order

Erika Arlington called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Those in attendance included Toni Post, Steve Danner, Cindy Payne, Susan Smiley, Lisa Ganey, Erika Arlington, Paula Rand, Chris Lofquist, Bob Lombardi, Jim Fisher, Kevin Reid, and Carol Bousquet.

Brief Review of Survey Data

Erika Arlington briefly described the current NPA Strategic Plan approved March, 2005. The Committee discussed ways in which this plan and format might inform the development of the revised plan and the types of changes in format that might emerge. There was a consensus that recommendations should be broken down into short-term, mid-term, and long-term goals and actions. Initially, these were suggested to be short-term = within one school year, mid-term = 2-3 years, long-term = 5 years. As the plan is developed these time frames may change.

Goal Identification

The Committee reviewed the primary outcomes of the survey results. The list of items included:

- Library (physical or media center options)
- Science Labs
- Sports (more emphasis, less emphasis)
- More choices of extracurricular activities
- More electives (primarily requesting more language options)
- Support for more advanced placement classes
- Support of small classes
- Support of small school size
- Possible growth of school supported largely in high school not middle school
- (Noted that there were no questions on the survey asking about support for expansion of the school i.e. satellite campus, thus possible consideration of mini-survey in the future)
- Moderate concern expressed about drop off and pick up congestion and driver behaviors.
- Concern about communication with teachers being timely and effective.
- Some concern about communication of Governing Board with NPA community
- Interest in more diversity (student/staff)

The Committee expressed interest in including results from the student survey when completed as an important element to the strategic planning process.

Goals Categorization

After reviewing the types of issues extracted from the survey results, the Committee concluded that there were four main areas on which to focus as sub-committees over the next months. Categories and sub-committee membership is listed:

Plant/Facilities Sub-Committee

Paula Rand
Lyndel Manson
Bob Lombardi

Communication Sub-Committee

Carol Bousquet
Chris Lofquist

Expansion/Enrollment/Finance Sub-Committee

Erika Arlington
Steve Danner
Susan Smiley
Toni Post

Programs (Extracurricular & Academic) Sub-Committee

Cindy Payne
Lisa Ganey
Susan Smiley
Steve Danner

There was strong support for immediate work on expanding options for extracurricular activities for school year 2008-2009. The Programs Sub-Committee will ask the Governing Board to place a discussion item on their May agenda with action proposed for the June meeting. Sub-Committees were reminded to post their agendas a minimum of 24 hours before the meeting.

Next Meeting Date

The Committee agreed to meet next on Wednesday, May 14, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Bousquet