

Minutes
Strategic Planning Committee
July 11, 2013

Members Present: Wendy Kleine, Leon Johnson, Gloria Alexander, Jackie Kelly, and Superintendent Jim Culkeen

The meeting began at 3:34 PM

1. A motion to approve the minutes of June 10, 2013 was made by Wendy and seconded by Leon. The minutes were approved by all present from the last meeting.
2. Summary of the Strategic Planning Committee's Vision for the CDC for the coming year was discussed. It was decided to sort the listing that Gloria provided into two groups. Group 1 are ideas and topics that are still relevant/attainable to be included in our **mission** and **goals**:

Group 1

Flexible education plan-

Train students for college and workplace

Provide the best technical education for students in our service area

Students enrolled in CDC independent of high school

Promote lifelong learning

Agriculture/Sustainable food program

Co-op expanded and include work based learning

Continued participation in the Bennington Economic Task Force

Increase participation of sending schools in the Northshire

Survey local industries about skills needed for their workforce and incorporate these skills in the CDC curriculum

Increase effectiveness of Advisory Committees using the Program Advisory Committee guide

Increase the number of girls in technical programs

Personalized learning plan

How the use of drugs can affect job options

Manufacturing will be using robotics, more automation-jobs more project based

Skills need to be more transferable than specific

Strong demand for service industries and health care, elder and child care services

Need to provide students with knowledge/skills to effectively work in ever changing/flexible workforce

Move more quickly with greater flexibility to get people training for industry/manufacturing needs

Group 2

Issue a high school education certificate

Three semesters: spring, summer and fall

Independent teacher's contract

League of Innovative Schools working to improve their programs and share ideas with other member schools

More education after high school and focus on lifelong learning

Former approved goals:

Group 1

Community Education-

Seminars and Outreach

Focus on Curriculum-

program evaluation with vigor and relevance, distance learning

Group 2

Greater student Involvement -

in clubs, CTSOs, co-op and course enrollment

Employability skills for every CDC completer-

portfolios, interpersonal skills check list, CDC diploma

Reviewing and monitoring overall program and school evaluation-

current trends, community needs

3. Vision Statement

After discussing the ideas and topics that are still relevant to be included in our mission and goals the group discussed the difference between a vision and mission statement. **Achieving career and college readiness** was suggested a possible vision statement.

4. Stakeholders

Also discussed were program advisory committees and the composition of these committees. At present many of the advisors are no longer working in industry jobs. Input from stakeholders who are from various trade schools, military and college representatives would be a highly valued as well.

At the next meeting the committee meeting will after the Board and faculty discuss this information - Thursday, September 12th at 3pm. At that time we will review the discussion and input of the RGB and the faculty on the vision, mission and goals that we discussed at this meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 4:49 PM

Jackie Kelly, Recorder