

MEETING MINUTES Park City School District Education Master Plan Steering Committee Workshop #2 December 6, 2018 5:30 - 7:30 PM

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	Fishbowl		
	1. Review	ved the Guiding Principles	
	a.	Learner-centered environments best support student growth	
	b.	Positive and healthy schools promote safety and security	
	C.	Relationships are nurtured and cultivated	
	d.	Meaningful engagement demands real-world learning	
	e.	Flexible, adaptable spaces and programming support all students	
	2. Feedb	ack	
	a.	We are doing a lot of this already	
	b.	These were revisited and restated this in our conversation today	
	C.	This means that is what is important to us and represents where we want to	
		go	
	d.	Discussion today validates that it is the mission	
	e.	If we can get these ideas to be our focus, then we are heading to a	
		phenomenal place	
	f.	This is everything we want for every child	
	g.	Appears that teachers, students, administrators and community members	
		are on the same page	
	h.	We have articulated what is important to our community	
	i.	This is a good guide for where we need to go to improve what we are	
		already doing	
	Unpacked each	n principle	
	1. Learne	r-centered environments best support student growth	
	a.	This is the direction we need to go. It will require a complete shift in	
		teaching/learning, a lot of time and trial and error which will require	
		patience, understanding and communication from all stakeholders.	
	b.	High school is a leaky building and with parent release it is hard to monitor	
		student attendance. Students know what will be happening in class through	
		Canvas and the students are learning and passing off skills without being in	
		class.	
		i. What role does attendance play and how do we make sure students	
		are behaving appropriately outside of school?	
		ii. How can we keep them here?	
	C.	For students to learn to collaborate we need the facilities and teachers	
		willing to become facilitators	
	d.	With a focus on experiences instead of skills, teachers are now designers of	
		experiences. That is an exciting opportunity.	
	e.	Someone will have to teach the teachers how to teach content based and	
		skill-based work more experientially. We need to make that connection	
		while reaching content goals	
	f.	Some have not experienced project-based learning translating into exceling	
		on the assessments	



- g. How do we best prepare students and avoid holes in understanding?
- h. Personalized learning for 150 kids is difficult
- i. Teaching is becoming overwhelming with special needs of students
- j. Teachers already work hard to teach the whole child
- k. Where is the balance?
- Teachers need support, time to collaborate and opportunities to develop new skills
- m. It takes time to train kids to facilitate their own learning
- n. How does this translate into assessments and getting into college?
- How will teachers assess students in fair and accurate way and how will universities respond to that
- p. We need to convince the parents/community that this will work and prepare their children
- q. Is it realistic?
- r. Can we do this?
- s. May need a classroom with 15 kids and time for Professional Development to do this
- t. It will be work, take time and need support
- 2. Positive and healthy schools promote safety and security
 - a. Beauty in our surroundings matters. We live in a beautiful place why not take advantage of it
 - b. Security is high on the priority list but none of the bullets discuss that
- 3. Relationships are nurtured and cultivated
 - a. We need a lot of work on building relationships between parents and teachers and the community.
 - b. Parents and teachers have the best in mind for the students, but this is a divisive area.
 - c. Schools need to be more open to the community
 - d. Parents and teachers should be seen as working together for the child's future by the child
 - e. Parents should be able to watch their child learn
 - f. Students should know that teachers have strong communication with their parents
- 4. Meaningful engagement demands real-world learning
 - a. We spend a lot of time focusing on the top students and have lost auto shop. We have engineering not woodshop or welding
 - b. Students may not feel a need for college
 - c. Students/Teachers want more real-world learning
 - d. Naming/Perception of things is important
 - e. Maker spaces should lead to more complex levels of making
 - f. Students are given laptops and move away from hands on learning
 - g. We want kids to have fun in school
 - h. This can help students connect to community and school
- 5. Flexible, adaptable spaces and programming support all students
 - a. We need space to showcase what is being done
 - i. Robotics is closed off in a room and cannot be seen
 - b. We need to have flexible space that everyone can experience
 - c. Learning should be seen
 - i. Seeing sparks curiosity in something new
 - d. The environment should support natural curiosity



- 6. A commitment to inclusivity provides greater access for all
 - a. We need to support all students and all talents
 - b. Commitment to inclusivity means open spaces where teachers can teach a variety of things without tracking students
 - c. More programs don't give better results
 - d. We need to admit to the achievement gap and address deficiencies

Steering Committee reaction to the Guiding Principles discussion

- 1. Asked how project-based environments relate to assessment and rigor
- 2. Like aspirational notion of moving away from grading. What prepares you then for professions that evaluate you? There is a benefit in the grading system that allow for comparisons and value in resilience
 - a. Response:
 - i. Eliminating grading wouldn't happen. There is still a measure against a standard.
 - ii. We want grading to reflect what the students are learning
 - iii. Is there change in the business world that supports a change evaluation approach?
 - b. Where do you learn the skills to manage comparison? Colleges and the workforce have not adapted to that yet and students need to be prepared to be a part of these institutions
 - i. Colleges are adapting
 - ii. Students should be seen as more than a set of grades and schools need to give that information to a college instead of a 4.0
 - iii. Transcripts are headed that way
 - iv. The workforce is looking at the whole person and all their skills
 - v. Grading doesn't give precise information on the behavior of the students i.e. work ethic
 - c. How do we create habits?
 - There is a misconception that the current system is working but there is a lot of grade inflation and students are not actually prepared
 - ii. Grades don't really reflect anything right now
 - iii. There is a false notion of what the transcript means
 - iv. Colleges want a well-rounded student
 - v. There is not only one pathway that is successful
 - d. As a student it would be concerning if universities didn't understand grades in the same way
 - There are ample areas to give supplemental information about a student

Specific comments about the Guiding Principles

- 1. Add relevance to quality
- 2. Experiential as a term is aloof. Learning must also be meaningful, applicable and transferable.
- 3. Engagement of community/industry and partners needs to be included Invited teachers to participate in the following workshop
- 2 Introductions and Process Update
 - 1. Reviewed Meeting Norms
 - 2. Requested Steering Committee Feedback on the last meeting Steering Committee Meeting
 - a. Felt like there must be some higher design to the Transformation Map



activity from the last meeting. It seems to inform the process but it also seemed confusing and contrived

- b. The team knew what we were doing but failed to explain the purpose
 - i. Response: The purpose was to expose the Steering Committee to the work the teachers were completing

3. Communications

- a. What the team has heard
 - i. Need more face to face opportunities
 - ii. Need to hold meetings within the community and take the message to multiple locations
- b. SC was asked to provide suggestions for groups to reach out to
 - i. City Council brainstorm in a study session
 - ii. County Council
- c. Expressed how surveys are being used for continual input
- d. Asked what is better, multiple small events or milestone touchpoints?
- e. Recommendations:
 - i. Meet in more heavily populated areas
 - ii. Meet in community spaces
 - iii. Engage people on their home turf
 - iv. Have principals email parents for meetings in the schools that update on the process
 - v. Provide an incentive for participation food
 - vi. Make it convenient for parents and present the same session multiple times (different days, times and locations)
 - vii. Live stream events with live commenting
 - viii. Demonstrate to the community the current participation and how you are trying to include the community in the process
 - ix. Motivate attendance and tie the reason for the meeting to children
 - x. Advertise how public can get involved clearly
 - xi. Create urgency for community participation
 - 1. Advertise attendance
 - 2. Publicize groups that are attending
 - xii. Create a bias toward action
 - xiii. Develop a common language
 - xiv. Demonstrate a feedback loop
 - xv. Get more teachers involved
 - xvi. Allow public to be heard in meetings

f. Concerns:

- i. There is a lack of communication about what will be happening at these meetings
- ii. The greater community doesn't feel invited
- iii. Teachers don't feel invited
- iv. Communicate that this process is for the community
- v. Parents don't know about the process or feel welcome
- vi. There needs to be a plan for outreach to the Latino community
- vii. There is a fear that the community won't engage regardless of opportunities
- viii. How will the process reach people without children?
- ix. Teachers need to have a consolidated voice
- g. What the Consulting Team and PCSD need from the Steering Committee



	i. The Steering Committee needs to communicate to the community			
	about the process and bring community concerns back to discuss			
	 Need to identify easy ways for Steering Committee 			
	members to reach out			
	2. Need more touches to get people to come			
	3. Need to distill and give meaning to the information in a way			
	that the Steering Committee can share			
	4. Need to be equipped as ambassadors with standardized			
	communications			
	5. Need information in multiple formats for release			
	6. Need something that is immediately sharable from PCSD			
	7. Need to include website link with all communications			
	ii. The Steering Committee needs to create a culture of trust around			
	the process and advocacy for the process			
	iii. The Steering Committee needs to make personal invitations to			
	individuals in their sector of influence to be a part of the process.			
	The Consulting Team cannot inspire the community alone			
	h. What does the Steering Committee feel like they can communicate at this			
	point?			
	i. The Steering Committee feels like they could talk about the Guiding			
	Principles			
3	Action Items			
	easily.			
	2. Consulting Team to provide communications in various formats for sharing			
	3. Consulting Team and PCSD to confirm accessibility of website			
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		GSBS/PCSD		