

Notes from Long Range Planning Committee Meeting, subcommittee:  
Fostering Positive Communication  
January 27, 2015                      Time: 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

After an overview of Long Range Planning by Dr. Oppor we were broken into subcommittees, by personal interest.

Attendance of Fostering Positive Communication: Glen Poole, Joanne Johnson, Scott Rice, Russ Johnson, Floyd Gerald, Stephanie Riske, & Crystal Zaeske.

Stephanie Riske was appointed chairwoman, and Joanne Johnson note taker.

Meetings were set for the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month from 6 to 7:30 pm and will be held in the MES Media Center (Library). It was opted that most individuals would "BYOD" or bring their own devices for research. Dr. Oppor noted that there would be some school devices available as well.

Discussion occurred about looking at various ways to engage the community in the process. Crystal suggested that an anonymous venue should be made possible for individuals that may not feel comfortable with coming forward. Google forms or Survey Monkey would be a good avenue to meet that need. The forming of email groups was also suggested to obtain information from stakeholders in the district. The goal would be to increase input from businesses, stakeholders, taxpayers, STEP volunteers, etc.... Facebook would be a form of social media that could be used to gather information, however a closed group was suggested by Stephanie & Joanne. Additionally it was suggested to improve stakeholder access to the school newsletter to those who do not have or do not wish to access it via Internet, as it is only available currently by purchasing a local newspaper or via Internet. Additionally it is not published very frequently.

The prioritization of goals for immediate to long-range attention was recommended as a first step. It additionally was recommended that we reach out to & speak directly to those involved over the summer in the LRP to see if they would be willing to participate in some form again.

Priority of goals as follows

1. Communication Protocol that was adopted by the previous BOE (Stephanie will print out a copy of it and bring it to the next meeting)
2. School needs to know how stakeholders of the district want us to communicate (Joanne will bring a copy of the Bowler Chalk Dust which is a printed newsletter that serves that district)
3. Boosting communication: teachers should be able to express opinions and ideas without fear of retribution, communicate without ramifications.