

Hillsdale Local Schools Strategic Planning Committee

Meeting Minutes December 14, 2015

Opening:

The December 14, 2015 meeting of the Strategic Planning Committee was called to order at 6:30 by Superintendent Steve Dickerson.

Present:

Steve Dickerson, Tom Selvage, Vella King, Abbey Hoffman, Bruce Dalton, Jenny Stump, Sondra Hays, Brad Hays, Kevin Reidy, Dave Moore, Jason Chio, Tom Williams, Dion Bliss and Tim Keib were in attendance.

Mr. Dickerson reported that on Friday, December 11th, the Educational Endowment fund was officially funded at \$10,000. By the end of the week, there should be a link on both the Ashland Community Foundation and Hillsdale Local School websites that will facilitate donations. There is a meeting on December 15th at 6:00 pm for community members that are interested in helping with a committee to guide decisions about the fund.

He also reported that Jill Meng, interim Treasurer, and he are still reviewing the 5 year forecast based on the fact that 3.62 positions are currently in the forecast. Next year will show deficit spending but only because the entire amount to replace the high school roof has been figured into those numbers because it saves money to do the entire project at one time. If we decide to go with less positions, the deficit number will be less.

He additionally reported that Hillsdale will be hosting the Leo Convention this year.

Tim Keib reported that the Career Day at the Middle School went very well with very positive feedback. There was a partnership set up to use simulators for a day in the life of students who might choose a particular career choice.

Curriculum:

The curriculum committee still have music and FCS positions on their list but spent the night reviewing the new CTE (Career Tech Education) funding to determine the path to take for a STEM position. Based on a document on the Ohio Department of Education website, the categories now included in category 5 (highest reimbursed) are Agricultural and Environmental Systems and also Construction Technologies, Engineering and Science Technologies, Finance, Health Science, Information Technology and Manufacturing Technologies. Mr. Dickerson will verify the numbers. The committee felt that one of 2 areas might be the best to look at implementing; Engineering and Science Technologies or Manufacturing Technologies. They will be doing more research on the classes that fit a variety of students without duplicating something we already do but that are complementary with the Ag Pathways we already have.

Facilities/Transportation/Technology:

The committee created 11 goals and prioritized them.

- 1.) Middle School inspection
- 2.) Plan for Timeline for Transportation fleet replacement including buses and vans
- 3.) High School Roof replacement
- 4.) Outside Lighting at the Elementary School
- 5.) Repair outside steps at Elementary School and High School
- 6.) Duct Work Cleaning
- 7.) Utility Tractor Replacement
- 8.) Repointing brick on Elementary School
- 9.) Repointing brick on Middle School
- 10.) Replacement schedule of other resources as needed.
- 11.) New Electronic Signs for High School and Elementary School (using donors or class projects.)

Finance/Communication:

Dave Moore reported that he will be visiting TCCSA this coming Thursday to determine if they can provide all the attributes he has received from the school principals. His core group includes the principals and each school technology coordinator. He is also inquiring into any domain names the service center may have already acquired for Hillsdale. He suggested we may want to purchase several for future use. His plan is to have a first draft of a super structure (90% completed) by January 1st based on the information he has received at this point.

The committee wanted to know if he could create a project timeline with tentative dates for each step and resources needed including personnel and monies. There was also a question as to how we flush out the remaining information needed such as community input. Policies that are determined to be required will also be documented as the site is developed. It was mentioned that Dave might be able to get help from students at the school, career center or Ashland University to help. Once the website is developed, there also needs to be a mobile friendly app.

It was asked when this report was given if the group has looked at adding Live Stream events. This question is the type of information that needs flushed out as the site is developed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm so members could see the rest of the high school choir concert.

Next Meeting: January 11th @ 6:30 pm in the Hillsdale High School library. Please join us in planning the future of our community and school district. There is a committee for everybody's gifts to be utilized.