**School Improvement Team Meeting**

**Thursday, October 19, 2023**

**3:00 – 4:00 pm – Massey Lounge**

Brenda Ulrich, Chairperson Barbara Coble, Co-Chairperson

Melissa Chatman Tafie Henson

Tricia Hart Stephanie Slade, Parent Rep

Dr. Handley Sue Weber, Community Rep - Absent

Fallon Diblasio - Absent

The Chairperson, Brenda Ulrich, called the ENCSD School Improvement Team meeting to order. Thank you all for coming and what you contribute.

The Agenda:

* Group Norms
* Strategic Action Plan Goal 3.1
* Pluses and Deltas

Barbie Coble read the Group Norms which were displayed on the screen.

The last meeting, we had so many ideas, it was hard for the interpreters due to people talking over each other. The brainstorming ideas were typed into the first task of the Strategic Plan from the previous meeting.

The Strategic Plan was displayed for review by the committee. We began with Task One and reviewed the due dates of each task. Brenda asked if we should start with Task Two and focus on this to begin with due to the dates set for each task to be completed. A discussion took place on the various task and their due dates. Dr. Handley stated we could review each task and then change the number of the task to be in step to enhance the whole goal. First, review each caption and how to expand on it, then finalize by putting each task in line. Yes, we should start with Task Two and the Team agreed.

Brenda stated, let’s look to see if the task is reasonable, can we accomplish it, and who is the best fit to lead in competing the task.

The Team began brainstorming ideas for Task Two. Thinking about some events we have already had in the past like Muffins for Mom or Donuts for Dad.

what would parent interest be?

* What would most families enjoy?
* Parents want to spend time with their child and see the culture.
* The game of parent’s vs students was enjoyed, and several parents came.
* Events that would take place prior to when parent work?
* Parents to volunteer to help with field trips?
* Parents could volunteer in child’s classroom with activities. Communication is valuable; this helps in understanding what is needed?
* Exposure to the community? The basketball games that students played again another school that was hearing was a good experience for parents.
* Dorm could ask parents to attend the movie night with students (pizza & popcorn)
* Grandparents Day since we have so many grandparents.
* Parents enjoyed Open House, good to continue this event.

Dr. Handley mentioned we should collect data in a survey to see what parents’ interest might be. Brenda stated we need to look at the strategies and feasibility of what might work for parents. Homecoming is scheduled again this year and parents showed up for that in the past. Dr. Handley mentioned ENCSD Homecoming is scheduled Dec. 9th with women’s and men’s alumni game, then HS boys’ basketball, a special event in the afternoon, and then a Sports Hall of Fame Inductee Dinner and Ceremony with a presentation to the 1983 Girls NC 1-A State Champion Rings presentation. Gary Farmer has worked hard to organize this event and obtained donations for the rings. He worked here for many years and since then is a great advocate for ENCSD in many ways. Brenda stated everyone was looking forward to December 9th and Gary was a former athletic coach who has supported ENCSD for many years and is a huge ally.

We need to produce ideas to include entire family involvement. Our thoughts should include how difficult it might be for a few families regarding length of travel and time off work (someone could investigate grant money that might help support parents for any training sessions we hold).

Dr. Handley suggested we move forward with the top 5 or 10 events and create a survey to send home to parents. Then we must ask who will make this happen? Brenda asks who was a good person to create the survey? The Parent Involvement Committee was discussed, and Melissa was chosen to check with this committee and see what events they might have planned. We typed up the ideas suggested on the Strategic Plan presentation and would use these to create a survey for the parents. This committee will google good ideas that other schools are doing for their parent involvement and bring these ideas back to our next meeting.

Barbie mentioned we could have an event to inform parents of what to expect with testing, students to eat a healthy breakfast, get plenty of sleep, also advise parents of what the students will be faced with and things that can help if a parent is struggling to help their student with homework.

Brenda closed with the comment this was a very productive meeting, the committee should be sure to do their homework assigned googling other schools.

Barbie asks about Pluses: good ideas, a lot of brainstorming, discussion, location is better, everyone was given an opportunity to speak.

Deltas: not very much preparation for the meeting today on the committee’s part.

Brenda thanked everyone for coming and please come prepared with ideas for the meeting next month.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00.