

# **Visioning Committee Minutes**

## **March 6, 2012**

Committee members in attendance: Carolyn Blair, Sonny Buttar, Sean Doherty, Jennifer Falk, Paul Hoelscher, Pauline Kim, Laura Lee, Louise Losos, Karen McBride, Lily Raymond, Kristin Redington, Chris Tennill, Sharmon Wilkinson, David LaGessee

### **I. Review of Feb. 21 meeting minutes**

### **II. College career preparedness of our CHS graduates**

- a. CHS College Counselor Carolyn Blair and Tamara King, Director of Judicial Programs at Washington University presented to the group about the preparedness of high school graduates and what challenges they face their first years of college.

### **III. Focus group discussion/exercise**

- a. The committee split into two groups to discuss three focus group questions:
  - i. As you think about the mission of the School District of Clayton, what key concepts do you believe should be included?
    - 1. Preparing students for 21<sup>st</sup> century learning/skills
    - 2. Global – all inclusive
    - 3. Technology - ability to adapt to change
    - 4. Students should be able to transfer their knowledge to different context
    - 5. Fostering independence
    - 6. Building confidence
    - 7. Ability to problem solve and ask for help
    - 8. Resourceful
    - 9. Comprehensive – be prepared for different paths
    - 10. Teach students to be responsible/ethics/citizenship
    - 11. Sense of community
    - 12. Character – moral compass
    - 13. Educate the whole person
  - ii. When people talk about the School District of Clayton, what words or phrases do they use? What words or phrases would you like to hear them use?
    - 1. Hear:
      - a. Middle gets lost
      - b. Freedom/open campus
      - c. Has become more strict, curriculum is prescribed
      - d. Used to be more individualized
      - e. Rigorous
      - f. Standard, people want to know what we're doing, Clayton is what other District want to be
      - g. Used to be cutting edge, now more standardized
      - h. Great and Excellent

- i. Progressive
  - j. Diverse
- 2. Would like to hear:
  - a. Visibility, what education should look like
  - b. Leader
  - c. Innovative
  - d. Community
  - e. Love of learning
  - f. Valuing teachers as professionals
  - g. Academic excellence
  - h. Caring/accepting
  - i. Respecting individuality and diversity of students
- iii. What is one concern you hear people express about the School District of Clayton and the way it currently serves students?

#### **IV. Town hall meeting dates**

- a. The committee discussed possibly pushing back the dates for the town hall meetings.

#### **V. Next meeting/future meetings**

- a. The next visioning committee meeting will be on March 27 at 7 p.m. in the District's Administrative Center.