

## Georgia Strategic Planning Process

### Action Team Work Session

March 19, 2009

6:30-8:30 PM

#### **Meeting Notes:**

Approximately 30 people attended. Winton Goodrich provided a packet of materials and an overview of the Action Team expectations. Forum participants worked on five of the ten Stop-Start-Continue theme areas and reported progress and next steps at the end of the meeting. It was suggested that teachers and staff would receive a copy of the Action Teams' final recommendations and would be encouraged to communicate their ideas based on a first-draft of the strategic plan; the forum data should be posted on the school web site.

Action Team and Steering Committee members were encouraged to invite others to attend the next meeting on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. It was noted that forum participants who signed up to serve on multiple Action Teams did not receive the March 19<sup>th</sup> meeting notice.

It was noted that requiring volunteers to abide by the district criminal records check policy presents difficult challenges for outside adults who wish to work with students.

#### **Action Team Progress Reports:**

##### School and Community

- Reviewed all beliefs for relevance to action team
- Start-Stop-Continue
  - Selected 10 topics
    - Increase use of web and diminish paper
    - Non-web communication – use of snail mail – target early, ed. day care and seniors
    - Encourage senior citizen participation in school
    - Community service
    - Student newsletter
    - Increase student involvement with community communications
    - Open school for community events

- Increase television exposure – PEG cable and local TV
  - Increase communication about high school choice – start earlier
  - Hire PR person
- Outliers – Improve communications – notify parents of sign-ups – calendars – ski bus – Alert Now options

### Curriculum and Instruction

- Created categories
  - Teacher PD – ongoing, high quality, differentiated, collaboration
  - Literacy – fine arts – foreign language
  - Choice in middle school – electives
- Outliers – establish a systematic way assess if the current system is working - collect baseline data
- Technology integration group (principals are putting together bus panels)

### Sports and Co-curricular

- Add hockey, lacrosse
- Approach administrators to start book clubs
- Daily exercise
- Communicate with St. Albans Rec and Collins Perley
- Create A and B teams
- Establish system of team member cuts for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade teams
- More communications – signs, web site
- After-school – discuss activity bus

### Life Skills

- Huge category
- Is community, school or both
- All went back to community
- How measure?

- Drugs and alcohol
- Lot of life skills wrap around tech skills – social issues and life skills
  - not integration
- Outliers – found lot of curriculum issues

#### Finance and Budget

- Still sifting through data and highlighting relevant focus for the action team