

NORTH MAC COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #34
OCTOBER 7, 2015
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING - Long Range Planning
South Campus Board Room
7:15 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by President Robyn Hays. Members present: Cole, Handy, Nichols, Spann, Worth, Alexander, Hays. Also present - Marica Cullen, Rob Horn, Dennis McMillin, Nancy Bitner, Michele Cimarossa, John Downs

The focus of the rest of the meeting was to begin to discern the information gathered during the spring and fall community and staff forums and to begin setting goals.

After review of the mission and vision statements written at the last goal planning meeting, it was decided that the mission statement would be approved, but the vision statement needed a little work to be more clear.

Looking through the responses from the September 15 staff forum, many teachers feel the need to go outside the district to find professional development opportunities. The principals and Superintendent evaluate each professional day request and strives to make sure the class or meeting is beneficial and can be shared with other teachers.

Financial problems were discussed by staff. The district cannot control the state's finances, but can project a positive image to the community concerning good news from North Mac Schools

Regarding technology and learning, staff's main concern was the non-college bound student. Are they getting all the support and information needed? Also, it seems technology issues are tied to finance, but we need to make sure that the technologies we have and can afford are used to their fullest potential.

The wish list for facilities is big on everyone's mind. Real numbers such as cost and time need to be made available to the community so people know how much new school buildings will cost down the road and also how much it costs to maintain what we have. The community also needs to be kept aware of Health, Life, and Safety monies, bond issues and opportunities for the sales tax increase.

Many similar issues including technology, money, facilities and student services were discussed during the community forum later on the evening on September 15.

Before the next Long Range Planning meeting on October 21, 2015, the board was asked to brainstorm about goals and how these can be measured and achieved. The board has scheduled November 11 as a day to tour all North Mac School buildings to inspect problems and repairs made to date. The board will also take part in the Veterans Day assembly.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Submitted by Jeannie Alexander, North Mac School Board Secretary

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