



Education Summit

Tuesday, November 10, 2015

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Superintendent

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Education Summit

- Key step in creating a Strategic Plan for SOMSD
- Steering committee of key stakeholders helped develop the plan for the event.
- Community helped determine the topics by submitting ideas via *Let' Talk!*, email and at events.
- Brought stakeholders from across the community together to get a sense of our priorities.
- Crowd-sourcing opportunity to mine the ideas, perspectives and expertise in our community
- 1500 Attended – Teachers, Administrators, Students, Parents, Guardians, and Other Community Members

Outreach

- Group of CHS students worked on publicity
 - Identified different constituent groups to reach
 - Developed multiple strategies for each group
- Extensive outreach to make sure the full community was invited:
 - Emails and calls through school messenger (including messages in Haitian Creole and Spanish)
 - Flyer sent home in paper form to elementary families
 - Flyers posted throughout the two towns
 - Flyer and letter emailed to two town governments
 - CHS Promotion
 - TV Show
 - Social media including twitter and neighbor to neighbor
 - Partnership with press

Logistics

- Committee to help plan logistics
 - Signage
 - Plan for moving people to topic rooms
 - Overflow rooms in case more people showed up
- 35 Facilitators
- 35 Scribes
- 100 student ushers
- 15 translators
- Donation of childcare (Achieve) and water (Stop and Shop)
- Transportation from Maplewood and South Orange

Education Summit Agenda

7:00—7:20 Welcome and Overview from Superintendent Dr. John J. Ramos, Sr.

7:20—7:30 Travel to Topic Rooms

7:30—7:35 Introductions and Ground Rules for Discussion

7:35—7:50 Brainstorm all issues that might be considered within the topic

7:55—8:00 Vote on top 3-5 issues to address – Rank the top choices.

8:00—9:15 Focus on each of the 3-5 issues individually

- **Brainstorm**

- Share ideas, suggestions, new approaches and action items for each identified issue.
- Share your dreams and hopes. Don't accept any givens. Think Small / Think Big. (No criticizing ideas during brainstorming).

- **Concerns/Constraints**

- Identify obstacles for any action item.

9:15—9:30 Open discussion on any other topic or issue



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Topic
CHS – Reimagining the High School Experience



Steering Committee of Stakeholders

- Achieve Foundation
- ASCA
- BoE Student Rep
- Community Coalition on Race
- MAC Scholars
- Presidents' Council
- Sage Consultants
- SEPAC
- Seton Hall
- SOM Adult School
- SOMA Black Parents Workshop
- SOMEA
- Special Ed PTO
- CHS Student Council
- YMCA
- YouthNet

Topic	Facilitator(s)	Scribe(s)
Access & Equity / Academic placement	Walter Fields Mauri Myers-Solages	Peggy Freedson Toshie Davis
Achievement Gap	Lynn Irby David Giles	Caitlin Bohlman John Davis
Arts Education	Mara Rubin	Shana Teitelbaum
Assessment	Marc Gold	Andrea Beck
CHS – Fostering a Culture of Respect and High Expectations	Paul Steiner Amy Forman	Liz Gordon Laura Reichgut
CHS – Reimagining the High School Experience	Budd Mishkin Eve Kingsbury	Randi Mandelbaum Laura Prato
Creating Innovators	Chris Preston	Mary Brown
Cultural Competency	Kim Hutchinson	Kimberly Hobbs
Deep Engagement and Exhilarating Experiences of the Whole Student in Their Learning	Maureen O’Sullivan Bill Tally	Kathleen Bailie Nancy Distell

Topic	Facilitator(s)	Scribe(s)
Discipline & School Culture	Ann Bodnar & Nicole Martelli	Lindy Rollo Lois Gault
Extended School Day/After School Activities	Diane Malloy	Carrie Gordon
Family/School Connections	Jessie Wendt	Sharon Geraghty
Gifted and Talented Strategies	Andrea Wren-Hardin Jen Lattimer	Jung Lee Masters Liz Brinkerhoff
Global Education	Deborah Prinz	Lisa Nolet
Humanities, English Language Arts & Social Justice	Karen Kingsley	Salimah Lathem Eileen Neri
Life Skills and Healthy Choices	Judy LoBianco	Pam Bard
Meeting the Needs of ALL Learners – Struggling, Middle, and Advanced	Rob Schmidt Phil Stern	Annemarie Maini Pricilla Goldman
Profiling Black Students	TJ Whitaker	Nicole Banas
Rebalancing Elementary Enrollment	Susie Adamson Alan Stephenson	Mandee Goldner Marilu Gregory

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Reimagining School Spaces to be Relevant for Today's Learners	Judy Levy	Caitlin Cox
Reimagining Public Education	Scott Stornetta Sheila Murphy	Lori Hirsh
Reimagining Seth Boyden Demonstration School	Peri Smilow Meredith Sue Willis	Amelia Riekenberg Donna Upton
Resources	Caralyn Moore	Bonnie Tessler
School Safety	Kim Cockerham & James Davis	Sabina Soloway
Social/Emotional Learning	Allison Steiner	Patty Brown
Special Education – Pre-K-5	Sonya Selig	Ann Leeb
Special Education – 6-12	Jane Bleasdale	Mike Donoghue
STEM	Patrick Joyce Paul Roth	Chris Tolstoi Sherina Larrier
Supporting Excellent Teaching/Professional Development	Melissa Butler	Danielle Washinton

Next Steps in Creating Strategic Plan

- Share data and ideas collected at the Summit
- Continue the conversation for another month
- Synthesize all of the data and ideas collected
- Develop Strategic Direction:
 - Mission for next 3-5 years
 - Values which will guide our work
 - Objectives for student performance
 - Strategies adults are committing to
- Board of Education Adoption of Strategic Direction
- Action planning for each strategy
- Implementation
- Regular updates on progress