

LOWER MERION SCHOOL DISTRICT

Tuesday, February 23, 2010 (4:00 PM – 6:00 PM)

Meeting informal Notes

- I. Welcome Dr. Christopher McGinley
Dr. McGinley opened the meeting with a welcome to all members and turned the meeting over to Dr. Spence.
- II. Announcements.....Dr. Deitra Spence
Beginning with the link for the district roadmap, Dr. Spence also shared information on the African American Book Fair and then discussed the college visits that are planned for both high schools. This is an opportunity for students to see the colleges in the area.
- III. Feedback from Dr. Mapp’s presentation.....DVMSAC participants
Ann Levy-Pugh, a Community member, shared some of the information that was gathered from the DVMSAC workshop with Dr. Mapp. Dr. Mapp’s group has information on how to evaluate the culture of a school much in the same way they evaluate the culture of an organization. Dr. Mapp’s presentation also talked about other ways for districts to connect to the families they serve. The three key principals, shared by Phil Matilla, HHS Assistant Principal, were:
 - The joining in process
 - Honoring family members
 - Connecting everything back to student achievement
- IV. DVMSAC Minority Hiring Fair Dr. Spence
March 6th- district representatives will be going to this to recruit possible applicants and Dr. Yoder will follow up with an open house in the district. Administrators will be available for questions and answers, along with other staff as available to support this initiative
- V. CARE Website and the role of CARE representatives
Dr. Spence discussed having a link on the website for CARE that parents can easily access. Using the parent portion of the website she shared the various links and information that is currently available for other parent organizations, and how the CARE committee can create similar resources for parents on this site.

A possibility of adding information from the Cultural proficiency groups to provide information for parents.

Dr. Spence shared information from the Springfield Township website for their parent group.

VI. CARE History, Mission, & Goals.....Dr. Spence/Lynne Partridge/Bernice Green

Dr. Spence provided the group with a power point on the CARE committee which was compiled from information back to 1997 and the creation of the CARE committee. The power point notes are attached*

Bernice Green shared some information on how the group was first created and their initial concerns from inception to what is currently happening in regards to this committee. CARE was responsible for many district initiatives including the addition of reading specialist K-12, and changes to the math programs and offerings for students. FLOW was another program that worked in the schools with African American students and worked in the community as well.

Dr. Spence continued to share the highlights of the CARE programs and then moved to the discussion of the current goals for 2008-2009 and current and future goals.

The members were broken into smaller groups to respond to specific prompts to help create communication links and respond to goal, mission and vision of CARE. Results of the conversations and highlights were shared by each group and recorded by Dr. Spence. This will be added to these minutes.**

The discussion followed and the meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting: April 6, 2010

Location: Board Room, Administration Building

Topics:

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