Community, Faculty, Student Participation

1. Over 16 Focus Group Conversations

2. Three Public Forum Sessions - (April 22, *April 24 and *April 27)

3. Parent, Student and Faculty Survey - (*Community Survey)

4. Ten Faculty Meetings - (one at each school)

5. Three Principals and Academic Council Meetings

6. One Board Focus Group (Groups of 3) - (*May 13 and May 21)

7. May 5th Steering Committee Meeting - (*May 15 and May 22)

8. *Immersion Experiences and Learning Journeys
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“If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go with others ”
– African Proverb

“Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success”  – Henry Ford
May 25 AGENDA

8:00 COFFEE, BREAKFAST, REGISTRATION AND SETTLING IN
8:30 WELCOME AND ORIENTATION TO THE SESSION
9:00 INTRODUCTIONS & WHAT MAKES LMSD GREAT?
10:00 LISTENING TO THE VOICES IN OUR SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY
11:45 REFLECTION AND MESSAGES BACK TO OUR COMMUNITY
12:00 LUNCH & VIDEOS
12:30 WORLD CAFÉ – ROUND 1: HOLISTIC NEEDS OF OUR CHILDREN
1:15 WORLD CAFÉ – ROUND 2: GLOBALIZATION
2:00 WORLD CAFÉ – ROUND 3: CROSSING BOUNDARIES
2:45 DIALOGUE WALK.
3:00 PLANNING FOR IMMERSSION EXPERIENCES AND LEARNING JOURNEYS
4:00: ADJOURN
LEARNING JOURNEY

• A Learning Journey is a way to get a fresh perspective by immersing ourselves in promising places with eyes wide open, assumptions suspended, curiosity and all senses engaged. Learning Journeys can be in other schools or in complete different environments.

IMMERSION EXPERIENCE

• Immersion Experiences are opportunities to get insight into our own system or a population by immersing ourselves, in “bright spots” and at the “edges” of the system.
Immersion Experiences

• Immersion Experience #1  
  o May 12, 2014  
  o Welsh Valley Middle School  
  o 8:30-11:30 AM

• Immersion Experience #2  
  o May 12, 2014  
  o Harriton High School  
  o 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

• Immersion Experience #3  
  o May 13, 2014  
  o Lower Merion High School, Bala Cynwyd Middle School, Cynwyd Elementary School  
  o 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM

• Immersion Experience #4  
  o May 14, 2014  
  o Cynwyd Elementary  
  o 8:30-11:30 AM
Learning Journeys

1. **NextFab** (nextfab.com) – “A gym for innovators.” NextFab’s mission is to foster innovation and manufacturing as key elements of our nation’s identity and economy, through providing broad-based awareness of, competence with, and access to Next-generation digital design and Fabrication technologies and services.

2. **Science Leadership Academy** (scienceleadership.org) -- The Science Leadership Academy is a partnership high school between the School District of Philadelphia and The Franklin Institute. SLA is an inquiry-driven, project-based high school focused on 21st century learning that opened its doors on September 7, 2006. SLA provides a rigorous, college-preparatory curriculum with a focus on science, technology, mathematics and entrepreneurship. Students at SLA learn in a project-based environment where the core values of inquiry, research, collaboration, presentation and reflection are emphasized in all classes.

3. **Children’s Village.** (childrensvillagephila.org) Is a non-profit organization (in Chinatown) providing high-quality early childhood education to young children and educational enrichment to school-age children for families of all economic levels and diverse backgrounds.
Learning Journeys

4. **Comcast** (comcast.corporate.com) -- Comcast brings together the best in media and technology. They drive innovation to create the world's best entertainment and online experiences.

5. **Delaware Valley Friends School** (dvfs.org) -- DVFS is a national leader in the field of educating students with dyslexia, dysgraphia, executive function disorders, and other language-based learning differences. DVFS delivers a rigorous college preparatory curriculum using research-based instructional methods and innovative assistive technologies to help students build the skills they will need to become successful adults and life-long learners. Their teaching professionals developed the DVFS Adolescent Literacy Program to address the specific needs of students in the middle and high school years.
Learning Journeys

6. **The Netter Center for Community Partnerships – UPENN**
   (nettercenter.upenn.edu) -- Founded in 1992, the Barbara and Edward Netter Center for Community Partnerships is Penn’s primary vehicle for bringing to bear the broad range of human knowledge needed to solve the complex, comprehensive, and interconnected problems of the American city so that West Philadelphia (Penn’s local geographic community), Philadelphia, the University itself, and society benefit.

7. **Mack Institute for Innovation Management at Wharton**
   (mackinstitute.wharton.upenn.edu) -- At the Mack Institute for Innovation Management, world-class Wharton faculty collaborate with business leaders to explore the strategies that allow firms to survive, compete, and thrive through innovation management. Our multidisciplinary faculty and researchers develop practical approaches to managing innovation, conveyed through thought-provoking conferences, workshops, and publications. The Mack Institute’s exclusive network connects corporate innovators, researchers, faculty, and students. Here, thought leaders from across academic disciplines and industries come together to study topics from strategizing for innovation to developing organizational ecosystems and managing emerging technologies.
8. **Indy Hall** (indyhall.org) – Is a community of people who choose to work together, more productively, to make our work, our lives, our cities and communities better. Indy Hall’s community is the intersection of designers, developers, writers, artists, entrepreneurs, scientists, educators, small business owners, telecommuters, marketers, videographers, game developers, and more.

9. **RJ Metrics** - Helps online businesses make smarter decisions with their data. They provide the kinds of deep insights that were formerly only accessible by large companies willing to invest in full-time data scientists. With RJ Metrics, any company can become truly data-driven.
Community Survey

• Online survey as follow-up to staff, student, parent surveys

• Will launch week of May 12, 2014

• Communication to civic association lists, via social media, email blasts, public announcements and mailer