

Community Meeting

Lehigh Carbon Community College

Date: July 17, 2017

Time: 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Facilitator: Michael R. J Felix, MSHA

Type of meeting: Community Meeting

Location: LCCC, 718 Hamilton Street

Note taker: Lucretia Brown, Ph.D.

Administrators: Mr. Thomas Parker, Dr. Lucretia Brown, Mrs. Jacqui Scott, Ms. Kristin Kruger, Ms. Jennifer Ramos, Mr. Ralph Lovelidge, Mr. Brian Siket, Mr. Tom Smith, Mr. David Wildonger

Notes

Discussion: Mr. Felix led conversations asking questions on the perception of the District.

Perceptions of the District

- ✓ Lack of coordination of mental health services between county and district
- ✓ Foster care issues/challenges
- ✓ Lack of school district psychiatrist
- ✓ Customer service lacking (siloed)
- ✓ No attention to parents; make them upset – poor customer service
- ✓ Positive experience in Elementary School; both kids gifted
 - Church; organizational system (parish system)
- ✓ Lack of Outreach
- ✓ Positive experiences; gifted students
- ✓ Welcoming environment (not felt)
- ✓ No follow-up; accountability
- ✓ Why build new school? Went to Allen – not hard to graduate; not prepared
- ✓ Need for more teachers
- ✓ ATS for 1:1 tutoring
- ✓ District needs 20/30 or 20/40 vision
- ✓ Spanish speaking students struggle
- ✓ Great experience at Dodd KG
- ✓ Need for warehousing kids
- ✓ Student-centered; connection with family relationships; poverty simulation activities
- ✓ Continuous community engagement
- ✓ Flexible location/tied into the community
- ✓ More resources; too many societal issues playing out in classroom
- ✓ Property damage by students on the way home; fighting; adopt a block; use community organizations and churches
- ✓ Safety issues
- ✓ Need more community/school partnership
- ✓ Fear at transitions for middle to high school
- ✓ Equal education (not provided)
 - ASD does not provide based on race/language
- ✓ 1/3 of students do not graduate
- ✓ Transient population
- ✓ Majority Latino – empowerment needed
- ✓ More advocates/outreach – bilingual staff
- ✓ Administration Building Advocates – Lobbyist/Government Liaison needed
- ✓ Building 21 (more of that)
- ✓ Add textbooks; share because there is not enough
- ✓ Early access to technology
- ✓ Athletes as Tutors
- ✓ Skill building
- ✓ Violence in school causes dropouts
- ✓ New York – more rigorous (not enough services; violence in schools)
- ✓ Parent outreach – Counselors, Nurses, Health Room (coordination of services)
- ✓ Students not ready for college
- ✓ Middle schools critical areas
- ✓ Peer mentors for Middle and High Schools

Advice to the District

- ✓ District not tuned into organizations (i.e. Boy Scouts)
- ✓ Market; competitive advantage
- ✓ Communication; collaboration; SPIRIT Program - DOJ
- ✓ Teacher culture focused
 - Engage student
 - Culturally relevant pedagogy
- ✓ Rebuild all schools
- ✓ Community programs in buildings
- ✓ Close monitoring underachievers
- ✓ Practical course selection options (i.e. personal finance)