

Summary of Meeting
September 18, 2006
Bridgehampton Schools

Person(s) Present

- BOE member (3)?
- Local reporter
- Bridgehampton Resident
- SPC Members
 - o Jack Pryor
 - o Henry Meyer
 - o Jackie Poole
 - o Ava Mack
 - o Joe Conti
 - o Richard Bernato Ed.D.

Meeting began at approximately 7PM.

Dr. Bernato, as Strategic Planning Council facilitator / consultant opened the meeting by providing a review of the Strategic Planning Council's efforts to date:

1. Dr. Youngblood's vision that a plan was needed for Bridgehampton Schools to coordinate the academic and organizational challenges before it over the next five years.
2. She reached out to and collaborated with Dr. Richard Bernato as consultant to assist district stakeholders in creating such a plan.
3. Dr. Bernato presented an overview of the process to the Board of Education in March of 2006.
4. He worked with a cross section of Bridgehampton administrators, teachers, and community members to
 - a. Explain the process
 - b. Train the participants in a variety of skills to
 - i. Survey students, staff, and community
 - ii. Recognize systemic issues in a district
 - iii. Use data to generate root causes
 - iv. Identify strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats
 - v. Create goals
 - vi. Develop an Action plan to implement these goals.
 - c. Engage them in recognizing how a plan will be formulated and implemented
 - d. Communicate the process along each step of the way.

Dr. Bernato emphasized the need to communicate the entire process with all interested stakeholders. Dr. Bernato also pointed out that summaries of past meetings have been

communicated to the Board and that these have also been posted on the website. Staff is updated at faculty meetings.

The group solidified into the Bridgehampton Strategic Planning Council, who, after training and analysis, would offer a Strategic Plan to the Board of Education for their review and adoption in approximately January 2007.

The group met steadily throughout the Spring of 2006 and once in the Summer.

The group identified Effective Schools Surveys as a valid means of assessing stakeholders' perceptions of their school district. Staff has already been surveyed through this means. Secondary students will be surveyed in the Fall of '06.

Plans for surveying parents and community members were presented to the Board that evening. Those present asked several questions and made several suggestions for modification of the survey plans.

These will be considered at the next SPC meeting of October 16 and final plans will be formulated and communicated.

Dr. Bernato then distributed suggested goals and action plan drafts that the Strategic Planning Council would consider at its next meeting. SPC members would

- assess each goal's value
- prioritize
- join sub committees to complete the action plan drafts.

These drafts would be regularly distributed to staff for their formative input; communicated to the Board, and posted on the district's website..

After input, and when drafts are completed and agreed to by the SPC, these would be recommended to the Board for their review and adaptation as necessary.

The tentative goals for consideration are:

1. Formalize the Strategic Planning Council's role.
2. Increase communication among Bridgehampton school stakeholders.
3. Review curriculum for alignment and coordination with State Standards and assessments.
4. Increase capacity of special education, English Language Learners, socioeconomic, gender, or minority populations to exceed the State Standards
5. Create and implement a Technology Embedded Instructional Program for students K – 12.
6. Seek and obtain Middle States Accreditation Status.
7. Complete a census for Bridgehampton schools.

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9. Conduct a demographic study