

## **Bridgehampton Union Free School District**

### **Strategic Planning Council Meeting**

**Wednesday, October 28, 2009**

#### **Brief Historical Update on the SPC**

In February 2006 a group of individuals gathered to help shape the future vision of the Bridgehampton Union School District. This was done **not as a mandate**, but instead as a belief that we could chart the future of our District.

Through weeks of group training under the direction and guidance of Dr. Richard Bernato, Dowling College Professor, we came to embrace the concept of being “Tree Climbers” who would rise above the day-to-day operations to:

1. Identify our strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats
2. Use data to substantiate our self-assessment
3. Create a plan that would become a ‘living document’ to meet the needs of our students

The group process included reading The World is Flat by Thomas Friedman; assessing our future in light of the future of Long Island, the USA, and the World; analyzing student data; analyzing teacher, student, and parent surveys; and conducting a long-range demographic study.

By February 2007 our Strategic Plan was written. For those of you who are unfamiliar with it, you will find it on the District Website Homepage, under the heading of “District Information”, and under the sub-heading of “Strategic Planning Committee”.

Our Strategic Plan is dated 2007-2012. Over the past two years the original eight (8) goals identified in the Plan have been combined and collapsed to the point where we now have five (5) goals in operation. They are:

1. Create and Formalize a Strategic Planning Council
  - a) Increase the Communication Exchange among Stakeholders
2. Curriculum Alignment
3. Career Academy
4. Technology across the Curriculum
5. Middle States Accreditation