

Community Meeting #2 Learning Environment

January 19, 2010

Christina Plan for Excellence 2010-2013



The Timeline

- The Strategic Planning Process will take four months and will address four major topics:
 - **Excellence and Equity**
 - **Learning Environment**
 - **Innovation and Instruction**
 - **Strengthening Partnerships**

- We will engage the community through surveys, meetings, newsletters, email, phone calls, and social networking tools

Topic 1: Excellence and Equity

Community Meetings on Topic 1:

Excellence and Equity: Accelerating Student Achievement

- **Review data, current programs, professional development, parent engagement, and priorities and goals**

Over 60 people attended the first two Strategic Planning meetings on Topic 1

Members of the community

Students

Members of the Christina Board of Education

Elected Officials

Christina staff

Topic 1: Excellence and Equity

Priorities synthesized from Community and Team Input:

- ***Focus on Early Education***
 - **Defined as Birth or PreK – 2nd grade**
- ***Prepare Students for beyond CSD***
 - **6th – 12th grades**
 - **21st century skills needed for good jobs**
 - **College bound or not – ALL klds**
 - **Secondary School choices, Magnet Programs**
 - **Voc Ed/Networks**
- ***Build Capacity within ALL staff groups***
 - **Professional Development**
- ***Focus on Special Education***
 - **Students with Disabilities**
 - **Performance – test results**
 - **On grade Curriculum**
 - **Teacher engagement and effectiveness**

Topic 2: Learning Environment

Welcoming Schools

- **Respect - All Staff – All Students**
- **Positive Attitudes and Culture**
- **Parental Engagement**

• *Safety and Security*

- **Emotional security Physical Security**
- **Assisting students to be able to learn when they reach school**
- **Anti Bullying**

• *Teacher Effectiveness and Engagement*

- **Classroom Management**
- **Class size**
- **Materials and Resources**

• *Quality Teaching Staff*

- **Recruit**
- **Retain and train**

• *Expanded Opportunities for extra-curricular activities for all students*

• *Expanded Options for Educational Opportunities beyond the Comprehensive Secondary Schools*

Topic 2: Learning Environment

Priority 1 Support a Culture for Learning

Objective 1 Improve Classroom Environments

Priority 2 Welcoming Schools

Objective 1 Celebrate Diversity

Objective 2 Positive Attitudes and Respect

Priority 3 Supporting Whole Student Growth

Objective 1 Comprehensive Student Services

Objective 2 Extra Curricular Activities

Priority 4 Expanded Opportunities for Non Traditional Learner

Objective 1 Expand Opportunities for students outside the Comprehensive Secondary Schools

Priority 5 Safety and Security

Objective 1 Adequate Facilities

Topic 2: Learning Environment

Priority 1: Support a Culture for Learning

Objective 1: Improve Classroom Environments

Class size facts

Grades K – 3

76% of all classes have 22 or fewer students

13% have 23 students

Grades 4 – 5

65 % of all 4th and 5th grade classes have between 25 and 35 students.

The remaining classes have fewer than 25 students

Grades 6 – 12

90% of 4500 academic classes have fewer than 31 students

Only 1.7% of academic classes have over 35 active students enrolled

Classroom Management

Teachers receive Classroom Management training from several sources – PD 360

Classroom Resources

Books for students

Units / Staffing

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Priority 1: Support a Culture for Learning

Objective 1: Improve Classroom Environments

Other Topics:

Classroom Management

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Classroom Resources

Books for students

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Priority 2: Welcoming Schools

Objective 1: Celebrate Diversity

Current Student Population Facts

16980 students

African American	43%
White	37%
Hispanic	14.5%

Objective 2: Positive Attitudes and Respect

Current Practices

AVID - Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) is a college preparatory program that enables disadvantaged secondary students to succeed in rigorous curricula, enter mainstream activities in school, and increase opportunities to enroll in four-year colleges.

PBS — Positive Behavior Support is an effective and proactive process for improving social competence and academic achievement for all students.

PD 360 - PD 360 is an on-demand library of professional teacher development resources that leverages technology to make professional learning more effective

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Priority 3: Supporting Whole Student Growth

Objective 1: Comprehensive Student Services

Current Practices

Wellness Centers in the High Schools

Guidance Counselors' Average Caseload = 400+

Objective 2: Extracurricular Activities

Current Practices

Middle and High School Clubs

High School Interscholastic Sports

Middle School Intramural Sports

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Priority 4: Expanded Opportunities for Non Traditional Learners

Objective 1: Expand Opportunities for students outside the Comprehensive Secondary Schools

Current Practices

Douglass School (K – 8)

Sarah Pyle Academy

NETworks Program

Distance Education

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Priority 5 Safety and Security

Objective 1 Adequate Facilities

Current Practices

Interior and Exterior Cameras at all secondary schools

Exterior Cameras at all Elementary schools

Controlled access at ALL Schools

Topic 2: Learning Environment

Priority 1: Support a Culture for Learning	Priority 2: Welcoming Schools	Priority 3: Supporting Whole Student Growth	Priority 4: Expanded Opportunities for Non Traditional Learners	Priority 5: Safety and Security
Objective 1: Improve Classroom Environments	Objective 1: Celebrate Diversity	Objective 1: Comprehensive Student Services	Objective 1: Expand Opportunities for students outside Comprehensive Secondary Schools	Objective 1: Adequate Facilities
Example: Reduce Class size	Example: Add cultural diversity training to PD Plan	Example: Decrease Guidance counselor load		Example: Renovate student rest and break areas. Increase respect for facilities
	Objective 2: Positive Attitudes and Respect	Objective 2: Extra Curricular Activities		
	Example: Generate Customer service cards for front desk	Example: Add Middle School Sports		

Topic 3: Innovation and Instruction

January 27, 2010 Smith Elementary, 7:00 p.m.

Community Meeting on Topic 3:

Innovation in Instruction: Preparing students and schools for the 21st Century

- Review data, current programs, professional development, parent engagement, and priorities and goals

February 2, 2010 Shue Medill Middle School, 7:00 p.m.

Community Meeting on Topic 3:

Innovation in Instruction: Preparing students and schools for the 21st Century

- Review Goals and Priorities discussed at the last meeting, develop action strategies, determine funding needs, determine how we will evaluate progress

Topic 4: Strengthening Partnerships

February 16, 2010 Bancroft Elementary, 7:00 p.m.

Community Meeting on Topic 4:

Strengthening Partnerships: Welcoming Parents and the Community as Partners

- Review data, current programs, professional development, parent engagement, and priorities and goals

February 23, 2010 Keene Elementary, 7:00 p.m.

Community Meeting on Topic 4:

Strengthening Partnerships: Welcoming Parents and the Community as Partners

- Review Goals and Priorities discussed at the last meeting, develop action strategies, determine funding needs, determine how we will evaluate progress

Presenting the Plan

March 2 , 2010

Review Draft Strategic Plan – Christina Plan for Excellence 2010-2013

March 9, 2010

Board of Education Meeting

Present Christina Plan for Excellence to the Christina Board of Education

Thank you!! Next Meeting

January 26 , 2010 Smith Elementary, 7:00 p.m.
Community Meeting on Innovation in Instruction:

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