



Clinton Township Schools

Creating a Strategic Plan For Clinton Township School District

Mission Statement

Session 2

Creating a vision for the Clinton Township School District

On January 12, 2015, the Clinton Township School District administrators, Board of Education members, staff, parents, and community members, 15 in all, came together to continue the strategic planning initiative. The topic for the second meeting focused on creating a vision and initiatives for the Clinton Township School District. The meeting began with a welcome Gwen Thornton, from New Jersey School Boards Association (NJSBA), who provided a brief review of the strategic planning process.

The topic for this evening focused on creating a shared vision for the Clinton Township School District. Participants were asked to picture themselves, having been away from the district for 5 years, returning to Clinton Township, and seeing their school on the cover of TIME magazine. The article is about Schools that Succeed. In addition to the current programs already in place in Clinton Township, what programs / services / curriculum / student outcomes / best practices / facilities would you expect to see in your schools that are succeeding? Participants were encouraged to think “big picture.”

Participants then gathered in randomly assigned groups, two groups in total, to develop a shared vision and accompanying expectations and initiatives. The small groups reviewed the outcomes from Meeting 1, strengths & challenges, and then began brainstorming on their vision for the district. After group discussion, each group identified their consensus points and presented those to the full group of meeting participants.

The information that follows is a summary of the work of the small groups. As discussed with the meeting participants, all consensus points are recorded and posted on the district website to share the group work during the course of the strategic planning process.

Group Consensus: Vision & Initiatives

Red Dot Team:

Vision	Initiatives
Students of the Clinton Township Schools achieve excellence through a balanced and rigorous educational and emotional experience, inclusive of the arts, emotional and physical development. They are life-long learners who are social responsible and productive citizens.	1. Communication and collaboration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Positive and engaging school/home relationships
	2. Active Community <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitate positive collaborative relationship with community stakeholders
	3. Finance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successful needs based budget • Pursue grant opportunities • Utilize education foundation funds
	4. Technology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stay current • Reliable infrastructure
	5. Staff <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professional Development initiatives • Recruit and retain high quality staff
	6. Safety <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physically and emotionally safe learning environment • Building safety
	7. Curriculum <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Balanced and rigorous • Character education • Every child exposed to the arts

***Please note- pictorial representation to follow**

Yellow Dot Team:

Vision	Initiatives
<p>Developing Productive citizens: In an engaging, collaborative environment Who are nurturing problem solvers, secure and confident Who are response, healthy, organized and innovative Who are compassionate, integral members of a community of lifelong learners Supported by a committed home/school partnership, state of the art instruction and adaptable, inspiring facilities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Interactive Technology• Academic flexibility• Interdisciplinary/community problem based learning• Differentiated academic engagement• Hands on learning/exploration• Choice• Professional Learning Communities• Home/School Collaboration• Time to build strengths and creativity

Four goal areas emerged from the common themes identified by the group at large:

- **Curriculum and Instruction-Teaching and Learning**
- **Technology**
- **Communications and Partnerships**
- **Finance / Facilities**

The third and last strategic planning session is scheduled for:

Monday, January 12, 2015 at 7:00 pm

at the Clinton Township Middle School Cafeteria

Meetings are scheduled for 1.5 hours and end promptly.

During the 3rd meeting participants will review the outcomes from Meetings 1 & 2 (strengths & challenges, vision & initiatives) and develop the strategic planning goals for the Clinton Township School District.

Please join us. Everyone is welcome! We look forward to seeing you!

