

Envision 20/20+ Commission Input April 13 + April 20 Community meeting

Note from your facilitator: *We now have a list of more than 200 ideas from community members, and that number is still growing. The results were remarkably similar when we asked the Envision 20/20+ Commission to prioritize their “top” and “bottom” priorities in each of our four main categories and posed the same question to the public at a meeting April 20. The combined list of top and bottom items follows. Occasionally you will notice an item that appears on both the top and bottom lists – showing that opinions are divided on these particular items. That’s what the Envision 20/20+ process is all about – gathering ideas and evaluating before making a recommendation.*

Top What Community Values about BCSC now

1. Reasonable class sizes
2. Teachers
3. Parent and community involvement
4. Safety within the schools
5. Affiliation with Ben Davis for Technical Education
6. Senior Academy
7. Quality of education
8. High standards set for the students
9. Curriculum choices at the secondary levels
10. Arts
11. High Ability programs compared to other districts
12. Anti-bullying program

Bottom What Community Values about BCSC now

1. Clubs beyond the “usual” programs
2. Employment
3. High & low ability integrated into general classroom
4. World Language offerings
5. Club sports, running sports
6. Campus concept and location of schools
7. Flexibility to customize curriculum
8. Small community feel
9. Transportation
10. Special and unique programs (EMS Green Roof, Chinese Programs, Vision Program)

Top Vision for the Future

1. Increased fiscal responsibility/vigilant in the expenditure of funds
2. Maintain current student/teacher ratios
3. Maintain a well-rounded education, including the fundamentals and citizenship
4. Keep food service within the schools (don't outsource)
5. Electronic text books
6. Continuing current extra-curricular programs (sports, arts)
7. Continue the open and welcome classroom, maintaining partnership between parents and school
8. A different/better way of preparing students for different careers + internships
9. Share facilities between schools as district grows
10. Maintain and improve parent involvement
11. Healthier lunches
12. Prepare children for the "real" world (possibly very similar to #8)

Bottom Vision for the Future

1. Four-day school week with online education
2. Year-round education (no year-round schools), balanced calendar of 9 weeks on 3 weeks off
3. A new high school/renovate the old high school
4. No Police Force
5. Online education, virtual classrooms
6. Scale back in-school counseling
7. Motorsports and Technology Education
8. increase student teacher ratio
9. Children need to come home happy from school

Top Cost Saving Ideas

1. Investigate cost sharing with other school corporations (utilize common assets, facilities), be more "regional" with extra curriculars
2. Bus: reduce purchases, bus washing and reduce route, eliminate summer school transportation, transport fewer kids (encourage walking/bikes)
3. Reduce general fund athletic expenditures, cut \$150,000 from athletics
4. Look for free resources
5. Reduce use of paper, styrofoam, color printing
6. ENERGY: Adjust set points for heat & AC, reduce electricity use, install sensor switches, reset door locks to avoid propping at dismissal, hire someone to evaluate potential energy savings, start school later
7. Develop a group of volunteers to help at schools & tutor; organize it, promote it, ask every parent to volunteer for some commitment
8. Continue to hold the line on benefits
9. Recycle
10. Eliminate "elective" lawn treatments

Bottom Cost Saving Ideas

1. Continue to reduce staff by attrition, cut back hours, reduce overtime, RIF if needed (administration, teachers, support staff)
2. Continue to freeze salaries or limit increases
3. Combine special needs children to a central location
4. Less testing; NWEA
5. Custodial: Team cleaning, clean less often
6. Buy fewer books and use online books
7. Use Fuel Cell technology to power small buildings
8. Sick and vacation days should not carry over; restriction on sick days
9. Are media centers necessary?

Top Revenue Generation Ideas

1. Charge for public use of facilities, rent to colleges, computer labs
2. Solicit corporate sponsors for teams, advertising, auction items, etc.
3. Charge fees for sports and extra-curricular activities
4. Rent space for cell phone towers
5. Generate fees from full-day kindergarten and preschool programs
6. Apply for grants
7. Generate income from farm land
8. Investigate school impact fees (for new development)
9. Charge St. Malachy & daycares for bus services (Indiana state law requires school districts to provide transportation for non-public schools if requested as long as the pickups and deliveries are on the district's way. Transportation to daycares is done routinely for families whose children attend BCSC.)
10. Sell old books to Amazon etc.
11. Referendum

Bottom Revenue Generation Ideas

1. Sell property and lease back from buyers
2. Use bus fleet after hours as charter
3. Sell property we don't need right now
4. ATMs: if not at school, in perimeter locations
5. Parents: volunteer to work or pay \$
6. Inform us what government officials we need to talk to
7. Every organization/club/activity/program/team present plan to school board for consideration
8. Raise admission prices
9. Any way to benefit from super bowl?
10. Increase book fees
11. Pay for busing
12. Referendum