20/20+ EnVision

A Community Discussion on the Future of Education in Brownsburg

EnVision Commission Meeting No. 1

February 2, 2010

6:30 p.m.

Meeting Notes

1) EnVision Facilitator Marilyn Shank opened the session at 6:30 p.m. and reviewed the agenda.

2) BCSC Superintendent of Schools Kathleen Corbin provided an overview of the purpose and charge of the EnVision 20/20+ Commission, including the following key points:

   a) The primary role of the EnVision Commission is to determine what education services and programs the community desires in its schools.

   b) Financially, schools are in a different place than they have ever been before, a situation that is more likely to be permanent rather than temporary.

   c) While ultimately the Board of School Trustees is charged with deciding what programs are offered and how those programs are implemented, the Board is actively seeking input from the community through the EnVision Commission.

   d) The Commission is expected to:

      i) Become knowledgeable regarding current programs and associated financial implications;
      ii) Ask for and receive information as necessary to further the Commission's knowledge and understanding of the Brownsburg Community School Corporation;
      iii) Seek input from the broader community through a variety of means;
      iv) Develop priorities reflecting what the community expects from its public schools;
      v) Ultimately, present a recommendation of the Commission's findings to the Board of School Trustees.

3) Review of Commission Membership:

   a) BCSC Director of Planning John Voigt reviewed the process through which the EnVision Commission has been formed and the current status of the Commission membership:

      i) November 2009 – EnVision Steering Committee formed of 12 community representatives and six district representatives, for the purpose of forming an 80-person community-based Commission and identifying a facilitator for the EnVision process.

ii) January 2010 – EnVision Steering Committee recommended Shank Public Relations Counselors, Inc. to the Board of School Trustees, and nominations for Commission membership were completed.

iii) Current EnVision Commission Statistics:

(1) 74 total members;

(a) 33% are Steering Committee Members transitioning to the full EnVision Commission;

(b) 29% are individuals nominated by Steering Committee members;

(c) 25% were "self selected" by submitting their information from media, website, or other sources;

(d) 13% are either employees of the School District or did not indicate how they were made aware of the EnVision Commission.

(i) 12% of the Commission membership is employed by BCSC.

(2) Membership generally aligns with the expected demographics of the community in terms of age, residency, and gender;

(a) Representation of residents with children in BCSC schools is higher than the demographic data would suggest.

(b) Representation of individuals of varying ethnic backgrounds is less than the demographic data would suggest.

(3) Additional members will be received until the membership reaches the established target of 80 individuals;

(4) A copy of the Commission roster to date was provided in the handout materials, and will be posted to the EnVision Commission website.

4) EnVision Commission Calendar:

a) Marilyn Shank briefly reviewed the overall schedule for the activities of the EnVision Commission, copies of which were provided in the handout materials, and have been posted on the EnVision Commission website.

5) Baseline Data presentation:

   a) BCSC Business Manager Marvin Ward and Superintendent Corbin presented a collection of financial data to the Commission. A draft of this information had previously been presented in Steering Committee Meeting No. 5 on January 19, 2010 and subsequently to the Board of School Trustees on January 25, 2010. Additional information has been added as various questions and requests for clarification have been received from the Steering Committee and others. The full presentation will be posted to the EnVision Website, including the three attachment spreadsheets.

6) Questions and requests for additional information:

   a) Marilyn Shank moderated the collection of additional questions from the assembled group. These items will be posted to the website and the various questions will be answered accordingly. When possible answers were provided within the meeting, but others will require data collection or other actions before a full and accurate response can be provided.

7) The next Commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 9, 2010 at 6:30 p.m., at White Lick Elementary School. The purpose of the session will include:

   a) Further review of information and data;
   b) Discussion on obtaining community input;
   c) Planning for Community Gathering I, scheduled for March 23, 2010.

8) The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:40 p.m.