

Minutes of the East Greenwich School Committee

Strategic Planning Workshop

Tuesday, September 10, 2013

Archie R. Cole Middle School Conference Room

100 Cedar Avenue East Greenwich, RI 02818

6:08p.m. Strategic Planning Workshop

Those in attendance were Mr. David Green, Chair; Mrs. Mary Ellen Winters; Ms. Carolyn Mark;

Mrs. Susan Records; Mr. Clark Smith, and Mr. Jack Sommer (arrived at 6:14p.m.) Dr. Deidre Gifford was absent. Dr. Victor Mercurio, Superintendent was also present.

I. Call to Order

Mr. Green called the meeting to order at 6:08p.m.

II. Strategic Planning Workshop

Dr. Mercurio gave an overview of the workshop goals; scope of the work; strategic planning process, and group discussion guidelines.

An ad-hoc strategic planning committee will be formed with Dr. Mercurio as facilitator. The charge for the committee will be included in the upcoming School Committee packet for a vote on September 17, 2013. Mr. Green noted School Committee members are not required to participate in the ad-hoc planning committee since their work comes back to the School Committee for approval. Mr. Green

would like to know if anyone is planning to participate.

The Committee was divided into groups to discuss their individual purpose statement and work to establish one or two purpose statements. After a lengthy discussion, the Committee agreed on the purpose statement, “To provide each and every student in EG the opportunity to obtain a world class education; that is, the acquisition of and thirst for knowledge, and the ability to utilize that knowledge in a meaningful and productive way throughout life.” There was a lengthy discussion surrounding the word “world class” and possibly substituting or adding in the words, “whole child.”

The Committee again divided into groups to discuss their individual vision statement. After a lengthy discussion, the Committee selected the five-year vision statement, “East Greenwich Public School nationally recognized as a leader for innovation and academic excellence, and ranked in the top 100 by 2018.” The Committee needs to identify ranking mechanisms and metrics. For 2023, the Committee agreed on “Top 10% internationally.” The next steps in the process are to review the purpose and vision statements and determine the metrics or mechanism to be used. The Committee will meet again prior to the first ad-hoc meeting.

III. Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Sommer, which was seconded by Mrs. Records, the Committee voted 6-0 to adjourn at 8:19pm.

CHRISTINE DIMEGLIO

SECRETARY