

Guiding Questions for Community Engagement Phase I Summary

When talking to the community, all of these concerns have been raised. Your group has forty- five minutes to discuss the three topics you have been assigned. You will be asked to share with the large group whether you think any of the three are feasible and questions that remain as a result of the conversation.

Review “Pay to Participate”

Q: If the costs for “Pay to Participate” increase do you believe fewer students will be involved in these types of activities? Is the number of participants in activities/athletics important? In what ways?

Consider a Different Building Configuration

Q: A different building configuration would mean closing one or more schools, which would result in changing the elementary school district boundaries and possibly having grade levels in the buildings that are different than we have now. What are the pros and cons of these possibilities?

Redefine the Middle School

Q: What components of the middle school concept do you believe to be the most important?

Consider Increasing Class Sizes

Q: Is instruction impacted by higher class sizes? In what ways?

Evaluate High School Electives and Alternate Credit Options

Q: How important is it for high school students to take non-core classes? Core classes include Math, Science, Social Studies and English.

Q: How will on-line courses impact the future of our district?

Consider Items Governed by Negotiations

Consider Reducing Bussing Services

Q: How important is it to transport high school students?

Q: Would you favor transporting only the state required minimum – K-8 students who live two or more miles from school?

Review Alternative Methods to Provide Non-Instructional Services

Q: How important is it for the district to operate transportation, food service and other non-instructional services instead of an outside agency performing those duties?

Consider Closing Buildings During Non-Instructional Times

Q: How important is it to have our buildings open during the evenings and on the weekend? For what purpose?