

Partnership for Community Learning Centers
Design Team Meeting Summary Notes
Monday, May 8, 2006
Athens Area Chamber of Commerce

Present: Paul Sims, Dan Hunter, Mimi Middendorf, Jaya Chauchan, Adam Kurtz, JoBeth Allen, Phyllis Stewart, Sandra Bland, Jackie Saindon, Karin Stubenbaum, Rodney Harrison, Lori Ragsdale, E.J. Carter, Jose' Boza, Suzanne Kennedy, Pam Paisley, Tim Johnson, Bonnie Jackson, Don Carver, Danny Bivins and Jenny Penney Oliver

Review of the agenda:

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On today's agenda:

1. Welcome new Design Team members

Karen Baynes (*welcome BACK!*)
Danny Bivens
Jaya Chauhan
Dan Hunter
Mimi Middendorf

2. Welcome and introduction of our new partner

Classic City High School

3. Welcome recommitment from Gaines and bon voyage to Chase

4. Linking our Visions for Continuous Improvement

Presentation about CCSD's District Continuous Improvement (DCI) process and discussion on how we might strategically link our Back to the Future visioning with the DCI for more synergy and greater impact

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5. Announcements and updates

- Partnership newsletter off to the printer (send me names of people/places you want to be sure to receive a copy)
- Enrichment Coordinator approved (*EJ gets to stay with us!*)
- *Thank you, farewell, congratulations and best wishes*
Mrs. Bridget Williams Robbins, M. Ed.
- Others ??

What a team! THANK all of you for your commitment to the Partnership and the Design Team. Have a great summer

Summary Notes:

1. ***Welcome new Design Team members!***

We welcomed Danny Bivins, Chase parent and UGA staff, and Karen Baynes, parent of a former Chase student and UGA staff, to the Design Team. Also welcomed were Classic City High School representatives Dan Hunter, principal, Jaya Chauchan, academic coordinator for math and science, and Mimi Middendorf, student services coordinator.

2. ***Welcome and introduce new partner Classic City High School!!***

Dan Hunter, who is the principal at Classic City High School, was asked to give an overview of our new partner school. The Classic City H.S. is part of a network of 22 Performance Learning Centers in Georgia. It is a non-traditional school that has a flexible schedule for students who have attained one year of high school, are in good standing at their previous school, and are 15-22 years of age. The students use the NovaNet curriculum, which is self-directed and technology-based. For 18 weeks, students spend one day learning and working at their chosen internship site. Three graduations are held each year in December, May, and July. Presently, approximately 40 names are on the waiting list to attend the school. Child care for students and incorporating more marketing resources are a couple of areas that Mr. Hunter and his staff would like to address with the help of the Partnership. Dan and team responded to several questions and were enthusiastically welcomed by everyone!

3. ***Welcome recommitment from Gaines and bon voyage to Chase Street***

Gaines' staff and faculty decided with an 85% vote to continue as a school based partner in the Partnership for Community Learning Centers. A UGA facilitator will be identified to work with them on their goals. Chase Street has decided not to continue as a school based partnership school. Best wishes were extended to both schools for the next phase of their work.

4. ***Linking our Visions for Continuous Improvement***

Paul Sims and Jose' Boza from CCSD district administration led the Design Team in an overview and discussion of the District Continuous Improvement process. The goal of having this presentation was to prompt further exploration and discussion on how we might strategically link our *Back to the Future* visioning with the District Continuous Improvement for more synergy and greater impact. Two handouts were distributed to the Design Team which shared the ideas of the team's *Back to the Future* plan (from a previous Design Team meeting) and the draft of the district's continuous improvement plan. The district improvement draft will be presented to the school board in June and the work of planning will begin in the fall of 2006. The district's draft came from the input of 85 people from the district's schools and from surveys that indicated what areas in the schools and the district need work as related to the three goals that are stated on the handout. Don Carver suggested that there be a core of stabilizing personnel in the effort

of synergizing the two improvement plans just as there have been stabilizing members involved in the Partnership/Design Team's history. Design Team members were asked to think about the team's involvement at both the district and school levels.

5. *Announcements and updates*

- The partnership newsletter has been sent to the printer. Jenny Oliver requested the names of people and places that the Design Team wants to be sure receive a copy. Many people helped to make this a very special issue!
- The graduate assistant position of Enrichment Coordinator has been approved. E.J. Carter will assume this role in the fall. In this position E.J. will work with Gaines and the Classic City High School faculty in planning enrichment from UGA and the community, particularly in math and science.
- Thank you, farewell, congratulations, and best wishes to Mrs. Bridget Williams Robbins, M. Ed. We will miss you!

The meeting ended with Jenny and JoBeth extending a huge THANK YOU to all of Design Team members for their commitment to the Partnership and this important work.

Have a great summer everyone!