

Planning Group for a Professional Development School
Meeting February 17, 2009
Notes

1. People attending: Sarah Segrest, Vicki Krugman, Noris Price, Xernona Thomas, Marsha Thomas, Red Petrovs, Tracie Costantino, Gayle Andrews, Elizabeth Connell, Allison Nealy, Kyunghwa Lee, Julie Kittleson, Hilary Conklin, Misha Cahnmann-Taylor, Jamie Lewis, Stephanie Jones, Mark Faust, Lew Allen, Beth Tolley, Kathy Thompson, Janna Dresden (21)
2. We discussed and reviewed our foundational principles and goals and made the following additions:
 - a. To Foundational Principles:
 - i. A commitment to accepting our differences and making them productive
 - b. To Goals for the PDS:
 - i. Rigor and high expectations for all. All students will have access to a challenging and appropriate education
 - ii. Critical thinking
 - iii. The recognition and utilization of children' local knowledge and community resources
 - iv. Infusion of creativity into all subjects for all children.
 - v. A valuing of language and linguistic diversity.
 - vi. A curriculum that nurtures the gifts of all children and responds to the needs of individual children through differentiation.
3. Lew Allen then facilitated a wide-ranging discussion on decision-making in a collaborative process. We also discussed standards and expectations and how those can best be communicated to teachers and children. It was an interesting and meaningful conversation. No decisions were made.