

Community Meeting East Side Youth Center

Date: July 18, 2017

Time: 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Facilitator:	Michael R. J Felix, MSHA	Type of meeting:	Community Meeting
Location:	East Side Youth Center, 1140 E. Clair Street	Note taker:	Jacquelyn Scott
Administrators:	Mr. Thomas Parker , Dr. Lucretia Brown, Mrs. Jacqui Scott, Ms. Kristin Kruger, Ms. Jennifer Ramos Mr. Ralph Lovelidge, Mr. Brian Siket, Mr. Tom Smith, Mr. David Wildonger, Mr. Thomas Derhammer		

Notes

Discussion: Mr. Felix led conversations asking questions on the perception of the District.

Perceptions of the District

- ✓ Lack of hope
- ✓ Students with involved parents do better than students with disengaged parents
- ✓ AP students have very different experience than other students – “Different World”
- ✓ Challenges across the board
- ✓ Is this really a quality education?
- ✓ Elite vs. Least in the Lehigh Valley (ASD is “Least”)
- ✓ Staff look down upon single parent families
- ✓ Lack of Resources
- ✓ District does not care about all students
- ✓ Limited resources
- ✓ Afraid the district is not delivering an adequate education to prepare students for the future
- ✓ Staff disconnected from students and the issues they face outside of school
- ✓ Staff does not care about the bottom 10% and will do whatever they can to “get rid of them”
- ✓ Schools only focus on the achievers
- ✓ Curriculum concerns
- ✓ Students recognize not all students have the same opportunities – Why?
- ✓ Students will not be prepared for college/career
- ✓ Students do not receive support from classroom teachers even after multiple requests
- ✓ Students lose interest and become disengaged without support

Advice to the District

- ✓ Re-established hope
- ✓ Staff should build positive relationships with students – start with a greeting “Good morning” and enthusiasm
- ✓ Utilize social media to promote all the positive elements and accomplishments of the district
- ✓ Utilize high school students to work on social media projects
- ✓ Engage parents in community locations
- ✓ Professional development should include building relationships with students/families, understanding the issues of our students face in everyday life (trauma)
- ✓ Access to resources
- ✓ Assess curriculum
- ✓ Increase outreach and parent liaison supports in the district
- ✓ Engage fathers/male guardians