

DAC EDUCATIONAL FORUM 9/20/2016

Dr Atkins spoke about the Lee schools Vision 20/20

There are 7 Focus Areas:

Focus Area 1- To inspire students to think and learn – Good Teachers

Focus Area 2- Engage Families and expand Pre-K and afterschool programs and invest in children scholarships. Use community groups for after school programs. Community involvement. Keeping kids safe when school lets out. (Churches, clubs, ect...)Also work with Colleges and Universities to help kids plan for their educational future.

Focus Area 3- Safety and security, expansion of SRO program. (School Resource Officers) They have put stricter guidelines in place across the board.

Focus Area 4 – Hire good Teachers, “Grow Your Own” programs to invest in our own teachers from our community. Starting teacher salary is 40K. Principal and Teacher Leaders to help newer teachers and principals.

Focus Areas 5 and 6 – More efficient, data decision making. People Soft

Focus Area 7 - Allocate resources, Lee schools are working with less resources and greater percentage of students. Vision is to become a top ten school district in the Nation by 2020.

Breakout sessions –

Four sessions but you could only attend 2. I attended Lee County Standards of Excellence and Communication (Social Media and Parent Link).

Session one was a role playing session. We had several “Professional Development and Leadership Specialists”. They spoke of how they mentor teachers and are the teacher leadership part of the vision. They also do teach as well as mentor. There was a roll play explaining how the Star report can be used by parents. Key elements are the % ranking which is a national ranking of how that child compares to other students at that grade level and how teachers and parents can work together based on the report in order to elevate their child’s learning. That evolved into how compass is used by Teachers to set learning to a students specific needs based on the Star Report and how parents can also work with Compass at home with “Launchpad”.

The plan is for Lee County School to have their own standards starting with Language Arts. They are working on that now and the standards should be rolled out by Fall 2016. Following that is Math which should be by Dec. 2017 or right after. Science and Social Studies should be done by 18/19 school season. Using Teacher input to access how to put the standards in place, what works and what can move forward as the student progressives to help them be prepared.

Session 2 - Communication (Social Media & Parent link) went over the district app and access on Facebook, UTube and Twitter. One parent pointed out that to when you sign up for the app you have to agree to allow way to much use of your computer links, access to web cam, GPS, ect... Lauren Stillwell said that she will look into that agreement.

You can set up "parent test" on parent link to only give you school specific information and how you want that relayed. She showed the site and options.

Was recommended that there be greater communication from the District through DAC to the SAC and also visa versa. Lauren also asked for any recommendation we had for improved communications. I am asking at our meeting for suggestions from our SAC to bring back.

That is the summary of the first DAC for 2016/2017 school year. There were no chairperson elections yet.

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