

August 21 2014

VISION 2027

WESTSIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT

At the August 7, 2014 special board meeting, Superintendent Dr. Bryan Duffie asked the Westside school board members what goals, in their views, would they like to see achieved by the year 2027 for the Westside School District.

Main objective – Ideas to achieve goals.

October 2013 Sessions (three) - District Leadership team members narrowed down to five areas.

They are – Graduates, Facilities, Technology, Budget, Programs.

(Action Statement to achieve these goals.)

The board members, along with Superintendent Dr. Bryan Duffie and Assistant Superintendent Brenda Tash discussed at length their thoughts, ideas, etc. on this subject. Listed below are the suggestions/ideas brought forward by the group.

- I. Prepare the kids for the real world.
- II. Expand concurrent/college credits.
- III. What sets Westside apart! Develop more defined young professionals programs. Have direction – college path. Prepare best we can for pathway to college. Better prepare the students for the directions that they want to move in, whatever profession they choose. How to break us up from the norm. What can we offer that will work to help curb the drop-out rate?
- IV. Change what can offer for our kids that will be different, or set apart, from other kids in the county. Be more engaged/hands on – will take both adults and students.
- V. Predict future on what we see and have done, how to achieve goals, which can change along with visions for the district.
- VI. Teachers to move quickly with progress – be able to continue to engage/challenge students/expand tailoring to every child.

TOP THREE CORE BELIEFS ABOUT TEACHING/LEARNING FOR BOTH TEACHERS/STUDENTS

Will adopt – move forward with changes – Changing conversation with teachers – What is best for kids.

1. The Westside School Board committed to do these:
 - a. Kids/teachers show mutual respect.
 - b. Engage with students more.
 - c. Teachers to reach unreachable students; change classroom, engaging environments – interact more with students – true caring for our students.
 - d. Students have potential – develop that potential using five areas to achieve these goals.
 - e. What is the Vision for this school district? (Statement)
 1. Spearheading Education
 2. Small town values – World Class Education
 3. Spearheading Education Through Innovation. (Graves Co. Kentucky)
 4. Striving for Excellence – no exceptions – no excuses. When new people are hired - he/she needs to believe five things or they don't need to work here.
 5. We believe that all students can learn and rise to our expectations.
 6. Everything we do should be student-centered.
 7. Teachers influence learning more than any other factor.
 8. Students learn when more authenticity is engaged.
 9. As a team – schools, parents, communities help students reach their highest potential.
 - f. In general, commitment – Vision- what is idea that we want to achieve for an ideal school?
 - g. Educate each student – student by student basis/reaching every student.
 - h. Committed to education, committed to students, committed to community, - no excuses – be committed – accountable to each student.
 - i. Educating young minds – one child at a time!
 - j. Reaching every child – no excuses not to be committed.
 - k. What to do for our kids in our community?
 - l. Where all belong, all learn, all succeed. (Lincoln)
 - m. The Westside Way – whatever is best for students – putting children first.
 - n. Inspiring lifelong learners.
 - o. World Class teachers, world class education, world class graduates.
 - p. Our mission is to provide a comprehensive current quality educational program and promote the general wellness of students in the Westside School District.
 - q. Strategic Plan
 - r. Everything we do – staff will know.
 - s. Contribute to the strategic plan and ultimate goals and visions of this school district.
 - t. Vision – Excellence and high expectations and commitment to all. (Tulsa)
 - u. Mission – To provide a quality learning experience for every student, every day, without exception.
 - v. Learners to Leaders (Tash)

Before September 2014 board meeting, organize district leadership team – plan together – strategic plan for next 14 years – Look it over when completed, make suggestions/revisions – Slogan? – Marketing it afterwards – System thinking approach – one set of goals to everybody. Get out to public our message, re. – T-shirts for each teacher to wear periodically to promote slogan was one suggestion to reach out to others with our visions and goals – mission. **(Formally adopt)**

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January 13, 2015

TO: Westside School Board Members

FROM: Bryan Duffie, Superintendent

RE: Vision Statement for Strategic Plan

The district leadership team has been working to develop a strategic plan for your review. This is based on two years of work from teachers and staff and from your feedback as well.

A vision statement has been recommended by the district leadership team for adoption, and I endorse their recommendation. I have assisted the team in developing the plan and its components. The team should have a mission statement and core values / beliefs ready for your consideration at the February board meeting.

The vision for the Westside Consolidated School District:

Committed to Learn ... Committed to Lead

I recommend adoption of this statement to be part of our strategic plan.

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February 11, 2015

TO: Westside School Board Members

FROM: Bryan Duffie, Superintendent

RE: Mission Statement and Beliefs for Strategic Plan

The district leadership team has been working to develop a strategic plan for your review. This is based on two years of work from teachers and staff and from your feedback as well.

A mission statement and belief statements have been recommended by the district leadership team for adoption, and I endorse their recommendation. I have assisted the team in developing the plan and its components. The team will continue to work on the goals and actions for the five focus areas of the strategic plan. These items will be presented at a future board meeting.

MISSION:

The Westside Consolidated School District will strive for excellence by engaging learners, empowering minds, and educating all.

WE BELIEVE:

- Everything we do must be student-centered.
- The teacher is the single-most influential factor on student learning and achievement.
- All learners' needs are met through caring teachers and quality instruction.
- All learners achieve their fullest potential by being held to high expectations.
- The learning environment must provide everyone security, care, dignity, and respect.
- Innovative leadership will provide opportunities for our staff, students, parents, and communities to achieve excellence.