

## JCPS MAGNET STEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES

November 20, 2015, 3:00-5:00pm

Committee members present at the meeting – William Allen, David Baugh, Tammy Berlin, Karen Branham, Barbara Dempsey, Charles Dixon, Tim Foster, Michael Hirn, Zina Knight, Kathy McGinnis, Michelle Pennix, Chlise Robinson, Mike Shelton, Cassandra Shepherd, Felicia Young

Not present – Enakshi Bose, Chris Burba, Giselle Danger-Mercaderes, Clementine Morris, Bryce Hibbard, John Marshall, Shantel Reed, Wendy Robertson, Shantai Tudor

Facilitators: Michael Alexander, Leslie Taylor

- The meeting began at approximately 3:10 p.m. when the majority of members were present.
- Leslie Taylor introduced two new committee members (Sam Cowan and Mike Shelton) who replaced two individuals that decided to step down.
- The facilitators indicated that responses to questions posed as ‘parking lot issues’ in the kick-off meeting would be sent via email. Further conversation on these items will be addressed at the next steering committee meeting if needed.
- The committee received an update on outcomes from the Core Team meeting (held November 12<sup>th</sup>), including the Core Team discussion of Vision and Mission. The Core Team presented three versions of a Mission statement.
- Committee members broke into small groups to review and select one of the three Mission statements. Core Team members answered questions about rationale discussed in Core Team meeting leading to each version.
- The full committee then came to consensus as a full group on a single statement.

**Magnet Mission** —Provide specialized educational options that attract a diverse population of students to cohesive, theme-based learning environments that promote excellence in student learning.

- Still in small groups, Committee members then worked through a rubric-based alignment exercise to review the recommendations from the Magnet Schools of America report relative to the Mission statement at a very broad level (categorized as high, medium, or low alignment to Mission). Each small group focused on 5-7 (of 25) recommendations.
- The full committee began discussing recommendations categorized as highly aligned to the Mission by small groups to achieve consensus. Thirteen recommendations fell into this category, and the full committee had time to review four recommendations together to hear rationale. The process of reviewing and prioritizing recommendations will continue in the next steering committee meeting.
- The meeting ended about 15 minutes early to accommodate another group who reserved the meeting space.