

5 – Schools Committee Meeting #2
Location, Wausa Public School Lunchroom
March 31st, 2014 6:30pm

Welcome – Mr. Marks welcomed everyone and went over the agenda.

Recap of 1st Meeting – Briefly went over last meeting held. Mr. Marks expressed the importance of involving the community with this.

Northeast Community College Information – Presented by Jeff Jensen, Northeast Community College would like to be a part of this process from the ground up and Dr. Chipps and/or his Senior Leadership Staff would like to be present at meetings moving forward. Jeff stated this is time sensitive issue and that the five schools have an opportunity to create a first of its kind institution in which the College is developed within the High School from the ground up. Students could receive a year or more of college at reduced rates while in high school. It was pointed out that the longer students are educated at home, the greater the chance that they will stay in their local hometown upon their completion of a post-secondary education – population retention. Regional business and industry have also expressed a need for qualified, job ready employees. Dave Hamm mentioned Wayne State College may be interested as well. Ed Brummels from the Osmond board of Education wanted to make sure this wouldn't hinder or limit students wanting to go to a 4-year college rather than NECC. It was explained that this would actually create educational flexibility for a student wanting to attend a 2 or 4-year institution and that credits could be obtained at a reduced "early entry" cost and then transferred to a 2 or 4-year institution. It was noted that a teacher would need a master degree in specific content areas in order to teach college credit classes and expanded dual credit course options could be provided to students in addition to current courses. Students could also be provided additional articulated and dual credit course options through additional Career Academies (Business, Health Science, Information Technology, Education, Food and Natural Resources, Skilled and Technical Sciences – Drafting, Welding). It was agreed upon to have NECC present their intentions and opportunities at the next meeting.

Everyone broke into groups to discuss:

Next Step – Discuss the components of a Vision/Purpose Statement for this group. Components that each group felt were most important were:

1. Quality Education
 - a. course offering
 - b. quality instructors
 - c. class size
 - d. differentiated teaching
2. Sustainability
 - a. 20 + years
3. Leadership – EMPOWERED STUDENTS
4. Learning Environment/Best environment

The 2 statements below were created by the entire group. The principals from the 5 schools will look at these together and come up with a vision or purpose statement for the group to edit and add to at the next meeting.

1. To create a sustainable educational opportunity for all students in the 5 school area.

2. We strive as a cooperative community to provide all students educational opportunities to allow them to succeed in a competitive society.

It was decided that the following subjects would be discussed at the next meeting.

Beyond the Purpose or Vision Statement –

School Study Scenarios

Type of Facilities to Consider

Timelines

Next Committee Meeting

Date: 4-23-2014

Time: 6:30pm

Location: Osmond Public School