



Community Planning Night ~ Summary of Participant Data: Challenges

The data was categorized according to similarities of ideas and, at times, specific wording. The responses for each area of challenge were added to create a total. Areas are listed in order of popularity. Total number of responses in each category is noted (#).

	Area of Challenge	Comments from Participants
1	Academic experience (11)	lack of trades training • pre-K needs improvement • no more public speaking in MS • lacking basic skills • keeping up with trends/best practices • teaching life skills • fewer field trips • curricular changes without involving staff • fad curricula • reaching end of year grade level goals • closing the achievement gap
2	Community (8)	lack of business • no community program involvement • employment for parents • community? Negative Facebook misinformation • abandoned houses • lack majority community involvement • no town library •
3	Funding (7)	losing/decreased/lack of funding • teachers self-funding rooms • why don't we take tuition? • unnecessary spending/lack of accountability • providing teachers with PD and/or needed materials
4	Non-academic school experience (6)	bullying • no holiday parties • separation of middle and lower • lunches are not healthy • peer buddies • behavioral support •
4	Relationships (6)	polarized views/opinions • welcoming parents/community into school - w/security • hurtful comments/polarization • everybody knows everybody • parents/community locked out of school • children of parents who complain suffer retribution • lack of trust
4	After school programs (6)	clubs? No after school • busing - open to all kids, clubs for younger • after school clubs • after school sports • lack of busing after school • arts ed/after school clubs
5	Special populations (5)	increased class support/Special Ed. instruction • Special Ed. transparency levels of support • need to address active inclusion of LGBTQ & POC • update LGBTQ policies, curriculum, and student support • racial and equity training
5	Enrollment (5)	declining enrollment
6	Technology (4)	evolving technology • strengthening technology • use of technology (more PD & parent control) • no internet at home
6	Communication (4)	detailed communication - why • info. flow to parents • lack of communication with public
7	Unique responses (1 each)	lack of diversity • close mindedness • difficulty with change • drugs • no leadership (i.e. peer) • state pushing for regionalization • long time school traditions dismantled • fluff names for programs • not well organized