



Berkeley Township School District

Vision 2021

Every Student, Every Day!

Mission Statement: *We will provide every student with a safe, supportive, inclusive and collaborative learning environment. In partnership with families and our community, we will foster innovative thinkers in a diverse and ever changing world.*

Minutes from the January 23rd "Points of Pride" Meeting

During the first part of the evening activities, participants were seated at tables in random and self-selected small groups. The challenge question was to identify points of pride and accomplishments that describe Berkeley Township Schools. Participants first noted their individual thoughts, shared their impressions and then presented the Group's consensus report. Summarized below are the perceptions presented by the small groups.

**Group 1
Consensus Report:**
Technology
Security
Supportive
Communication
Collaboration
PTA

Pride
Climate/culture
Professional development
Great staff
Programs (BSI, G & T, etc.)

Summary of Individual Reporting

Technology
Dedicated staff
PTA support
Fun
Extras (above and beyond)
Communication
Cheerful
Inviting
Students love school...excited to attend
School pride
School events
All staff cares
District/school pride
Innovation
Programs to meet diverse needs
Technology
Many community events/activities
Solid curriculum
Staff cares/dedication
Lots of professional development
Technological advanced (1:1)
Flexible seating (student needs)
Various forms of communication (Remind)
Connecting with students
Safety and security
Innovative teaching approaches
Supportive committees (PTA)
Collaborative team efforts
Aligned curriculum

Group 2

Consensus Report:

Strong academic foundations
Curriculum
Communication with all stakeholders
School Safety
Staff
Tech initiatives/current trends
School climate/community involvement

Summary of Individual Reporting

Collaborative days
Professional development

Small class size
Talented and amazing staff
PTA events
Mentor programs
Grant opportunities
Supportive community
Supplies for staff and students
Community events
Interventions
Curriculum
Current/new trends
Social media
School safety
Positive school climate
Full day kindergarten
Preschool
Self contained programs
Technology
Special Olympics
Starfish support programs

Group 3

Consensus Report:

Security
Empathy- layered approach (special needs)
Small town- bringing families together
Support knows no boundaries:PTA, BOE, teachers, administrators, support staff
Communication is open (Remind, meetings)
Buildings and resources
Extra-curricular (night and school day events)
Parent input welcome

Summary of Individual Reporting

Brings families together
Empathy- at young age, children understand differences and respect other children
Open to suggestions
Welcome parent input
Communication with parents (Remind)
CST proactive
Pride
Adaptive to special needs
Cooperative board and administration
Many night events for working parents
Spacious buildings
PTA support of programs (One School One Book)
Security
Responsive teachers
Small town feel
Active on social media

Group 4

Consensus Report:

Family/community
Current curriculum
Current technology
Buildings
Pride- teachers return
Safety and security
Board involvement

Summary of Individual Reporting

Family feeling
Staying current on the latest technology
Tons of opportunity for community involvement
Teachers that grew up in the town choose to stay here
Great staff collaboration
Supportive administration
Growing with the times (buildings, technology, curriculum)
All the schools work together
Great staff involvement
Care for each student
Community involvement in the schools
The 5/ 6 school prepares kids for the future
Security in the schools
D.A.R.E. program
Caring/welcoming environment
Involvement in/out of school
Technology advancements
Student support
Staff collaboration
Student interest/participation
Teachers
Evolving technology
Parent/community involvement and communication
Supportive staff and administration
Sense of community
Collaboration with community officials
Teacher alumni
Positive administrators
Technology
Updated curriculum
Family events
Dedicated teachers
Family pride
Community feeling
Teachers - former students of school district
Motivated administrators

The next meeting is set for Tuesday, February 27th and will begin precisely at 5:00 p.m. at the BTES Cafeteria. The meeting theme is Creating an Action Plan and participants will be asked to identify action items necessary to accomplish our Strategic Plan and Vision for 2021.