



## LRSP Status Report – June 2011

### 3.06 Supt Advisory Councils SR 2011

#### **Strategic Objective (SO):**

3.06 Continue development of Councils to advise the Superintendent on matters of relevance and importance enhancing external communication of the district.

**Department/School:** Superintendent

**Leader:** Kirk Miller

#### **Team Members:**

SAC Members, Nancy Brady

#### **In a year, we hope to see the following progress on this strategic objective:**

Enhanced communication throughout the school district as a result of information exchange at SAC meetings.

#### **PROGRESS SUMMARY**

This strategic objective has been completed. Superintendent advisory councils (SAC) have been established with students, parents (school Parent Advisory Council leadership), teachers and classified staff, and business community (Chamber School-Business Partnership). The parent, teacher, and business SACs met monthly from September to May. Student and classified SAC met quarterly.

Surveys to get feedback from the SACs were administered in May with a high rate of return. Survey questions included explanation of the value of the SAC, suggestions to make the SAC more effective, what did they like best serving on the SAC, and explain if you believe the SAC should continue. Responses from 4 SACs indicated that serving was valuable as a means of communication and having dialogue about "big picture" issues facing our schools directly from the Superintendent. Suggestions from the previous year to improve effectiveness included more time to share information from their individual areas and wanting to use technology in a virtual way to allow greater access to the agenda of the meetings and discussions; each of these changes were implemented in 2010-11. SAC members indicated that they liked becoming more informed about our schools, hearing first hand the work of the Trustees and administration for the future of students, and being able to dialogue with other staff or students that they don't regularly see. Consensus from all SACs is that they should be continued in the future as it allows both vertical and horizontal communication to occur across the district.

Meetings in the community on the "Journey to Excellence" in the fall and school election discussions in the spring, along with Lincolns for Levies (L4L) all contribute to the communication that is shared with SACs. The communication network in our district is enhanced by considering both internal and external audiences.