
Strategic Plan Rolls Along in Coventry Schools

Dickson, Almeida pleased with plan's progress

Since being implemented a little over a year ago, will promote life-long learning

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COVENTRY — The district's strategic plan, which was last implemented in September, 2013, has been taking leaps forward ever since.

The group of 25-plus people who make up the strategic planning committee include teachers, administrators, principals, parents and some members of the school committee with Coventry School Committee

member Ann Dickson being the facilitator.

This combines human resources, financial resources, technology, compliance with policies, community and physical infrastructure.

The strategic plan, designed to be implemented from 2013 -2016, was discussed and approved to move ahead at a September, 2013 school committee meeting and various sub-committee groups have been working hard to inspire, motivate and educate

students to be life-long learners.

According to Dickson, the group has met quarterly since its approval and has discussed how the district measures success and what challenges there have been in meeting the plan.

The three main objectives of the teams were to implement the curriculum, deliver instruction and offer programs and services.

"Currently, we are working on finalizing our metrics to measure suc-

cess, looking at resources needed to achieve our objectives and re-prioritizing how we will use our resources," she said. "To date, we have made improvements in each process that supports education. We did have a task force to study enrollment and facilities, we did develop a list of metrics to measure success and we have made progress in curriculum development the supports common core standards and of course, we made significant improvements in deliver-

ing education via the use of technology through Chromebooks."

Coventry School Superintendent Dr. Mike Almeida said the planning committee met for the fourth time last week to discuss the status of the technology initiative to further identify all plans and discuss what's working and what needs to be revised.

He explained that the plan is a working document, constantly being

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revised as different strategies are put into action along with budget changes.

Dickson said their work is far from done, however.

She explained that as much has been done, one of their biggest challenges is to increase the awareness of the public that the world of our students is vastly different that the world of a student back in the 1960s and '70s.

“We have an obligation to support our students and provide them with an education that prepares them for the digital world, filled with new ways to access information and learn,” Dickson said. “The “new” student model requires resources to effectively and efficiently deliver education and we need to public’s support.”