

**Facilities Meeting**  
**January 19, 2009**  
**FOCUS**

**Discussion Topics:**

<b>Where are we going?</b>
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1. We need the “best” quality teachers in the classroom.
  - The #1 factor in a child’s education is the teacher.
2. What does “best” mean?
  - Motivational
  - Inspirational
  - Could be a new teacher as well as experienced.
3. We need to provide all of our teachers with training as well as new technology.
  - It is good to have new resources in the classroom, but do the teachers know how to use it?
4. We need to work on how our buildings make “first impressions”
  - When you walk into the Middle School it is “dark” and “gloomy”.
  - This makes a bad impression on possible new teachers and students.
  - On a cloudy day the third floor is dark.
  - The gym also needs new lighting.
5. We need to identify ways to promote the success of our students.
  - Ring of Honor/Alumni Wall of Fame
  - Create a culture where students strive to do their best and succeed.
  - Recognize outstanding achievements of former students.
6. We need to develop “programs” that focus on the hands-on application of math and other courses.
  - Increase career opportunities or career pathways to students at an earlier age.
  - Develop more opportunities for the “application” of learning (Math).
  - Programs should help develop relationships between the classroom and real world.
  - We need to ask ourselves the question; if we want our students to be good at “math” what is it going to take?
7. We need to rethink how we survey our parents/patrons.
  - What would you like for USD #377 to provide for your student?
  - What have you seen other schools doing that you would like for USD #377 to implement?
  - We need to provide more open-ended questions.
  - We need to provide an opportunity for written responses.

8. Teacher Evaluations

- We need to listen to parents and students concerning teachers.
- Student learning and assessment results should be included in teacher evaluations.

**Summary:**

1. Rethink Surveys
2. Gather Information:
  - How are teachers developing relationships between classroom learning and hands-on application to real world activities?
3. Develop ideas to promote successful student activities
4. Identify what other schools are doing
5. Next meeting Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> (6:30pm) at ACCMS (Science Lab)