

CU Cradle2Career

Pathways to Success for Every Student



Goal Team Monthly Report

Goal Team: Support for Academic Success

1. Any updates since the last report as copied below

We piloted a Summer Staff Survey for Champaign and Urbana school district personnel. Sixty teachers/staff responded. Survey results will be reviewed to determine if design changes should be made before the survey is more broadly implemented during the 2016-17 school year.

We worked with Angela Smith from Champaign Unit 4 to design a parent survey. The parent survey includes questions from the Education Equity and Excellence (EEE) Committee. The survey will be distributed to families in both districts during school registration in July and August.

2. Progress towards step in the processes that you are currently working on

4a. Create a consensus definition of the stated goal. (in progress)

4b. Determine the attributes that directly correlate with the consensus definition. (in progress)

5. Determine where we stand as a community in relation to the goal/defined attributes

a. Identify the groups/individuals and method that will be used to assess community standing on the core attributes

b. Obtain input from the identified group

3. Any assistance you would like to request from the steering committee

We are losing our data person, Adriana Rose (Wolfram). She is trying to recruit another team member from Wolfram. Do we want to ask the steering committee to recommend/recruit another data expert?

4. Other comments

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Notes from last meeting

Support for Academic Success Goal Team

NEXT GOAL TEAM MEETING IS SEPTEMBER 15 FROM 3:45-5:15. LOCATION TBD.

Meeting Minutes 6.6.16

In attendance: Lisa Milkereit, Caitlin Drake, Jason Scott, Asia Fuller Hamilton, Grace Mitchell, Amanda Raklovits, Tony Maltbia, Molly Delaney, Judy Wiegand, Jennifer Ivory-Tatum, Lee Ann Kelly

Molly provided a brief recap of the last meeting.

Lee Ann encouraged all of the goal team members to join the CUC2C Community Council.

Because the group was small, we decided to stay together to discuss the teacher and parent surveys. Judy and Lee Ann will organize a separate meeting for the student survey subgroup.

Teacher Survey

- Summarized last meeting:
 - want to pilot a short survey with the summer school at all three levels to help determine what would be the best questions.
 - Need 5+ questions to be used in the summer pilots and then have focus groups revise the questions (2 at each level)
- Questions:

The group discussed listing the skills/supports and asking teachers/support staff to rank top five or so. Decided ranking could preclude getting broader input from this sample group. Went with open ended questions below.

 - What do you see as the characteristics and skills necessary for student academic success?
 - What do you see as barriers that hinder our students from being successful?
 - What two or three solutions would you recommend to positively impact student success?
- How to get it done:
 - CUSD: put out online and maybe at lunch time (1:15 with a food incentive) done by June 23rd.
 - USD: online by June 23rd.
 - Opening email letter needs to include:
 - vision, working definition, purpose of survey (how it will be used to create the survey for all staff) Both districts will tap in to whatever summer staff is available.

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--Target audience for survey includes teachers, bus drivers, clerical and other support staff. Goal is to get 100 completed surveys. Survey should include delineation between certified/non certified/ administrators; k-5, MH, SH

Parent Survey

Where and when to administer

- Last meeting had not gotten to parameters like timeline. Registration seems optimal but will have varying implementation times given school districts. Make it part of “mandatory packet”; need building stations a place to turn it in? Will need someone there(?) to clarify; answer questions.
- Open house could catch families, but parent-teacher conferences would allow for more direct interaction. Teachers could hand the survey directly to parents.
- Year round registration is earlier
- Grace Mitchell offered to disseminate the survey at her agency; group thought we could use them as pilot to sample our questions.

Format

- Will need pen and paper copies, but possible to create an online version too.
- Discussed success of past survey options such as Thought Exchange (Urbana).
- What would we consider a valid # for the survey?
- Survey needs to have a check off for how many children and what levels children are at

Content

- Add language at the top to say ONLY COMPLETE THIS ONCE or ONE SURVEY PER FAMILY
- Call it something other than a survey.
- Survey needs to be short, positive and clear in language.
- Look at existing survey data such as 5 Essentials.
- Angela Smith is creating a parent survey with similar questions.

SAS Next Steps

- Begin administering teacher/staff survey.
- Include Angela Smith in the parent survey subgroup.
- Parent survey group will meet the week of 6/21.
- Teacher survey group will meet again at the end of July.
- Next meeting for student survey group TBD.
- Full group meeting scheduled for September 15 from 3:45-5:15.