

Education Task Force

Task Force Dinner: May 21, 2007
Hampton Inn – Board Room

Attendees: David Johnstone, Orlando Gonzales, Judith Prince (Chair), Beverly James, Russell Stall, Brian Carruthers, Bill Ellis, Brock Koonce, Kent Snyder

What Are Your Dreams for Education?

- ☉ A student, raised in SC, and meets the criteria for a scholarship can get that scholarship to any school they want, regardless of what college they go to, in state or out of state. Who knows what they can contribute if they come back.
All children need the opportunity to go where they want, regardless of in state or out of state. About 63 million dollars in scholarships come to Greenville County school children every year. 80% of graduating seniors in Greenville Co. are eligible for that money.
- ☉ Everyone has a library card and uses it.
- ☉ There is a major, public, high quality university in Greenville.
- ☉ Like Ireland, everyone can go to college for free.
- ☉ Every teacher that teaches our children actually wants to be a teacher, and they are compensated appropriately.
- ☉ More people want to be teachers
- ☉ More parents work with their children to make sure they are good students. Education support system.
- ☉ People unifying around getting all kids an adequate education regardless of where and how and what venue.
- ☉ Every child educated to the highest level possible. There must be money and they have to have parents that want them educated and they have the teachers to teach them well.
- ☉ That the brewing tensions between the Latino population and the rest of the population in schools is handled and brought to the attention of the public. This could help the problem disappear.
- ☉ That our schools are accepting of diversity (all forms) and are very inclusive. That students are not scared while they are at school and that they are safe from harm. "You cannot learn in an environment where there is fear."
- ☉ That everyone re-affirms their commitment to this group and we are able to measure and report more than what we do now.

Commitment

- 🌱 Willing to continue the networking among the educational community. Continue programs like Child Watch.
- 🌱 Continue with the Senior Education committee. Involving Christ Church, Senior Action.
- 🌱 Carry Amazing Read forward.
- 🌱 Continue as Committee Chair for another term.
- 🌱 Give more credit to those in the community that are making advancements in the realm of Education. Give credit, not take credit.
- 🌱 Continue to find the next leaders, including the teachers, administration, etc. that mold our children.
- 🌱 Send a congratulatory letter to every high school graduate in Greenville County from Greenville Forward's Education Task Force.