

Ways to work together

Preserve priorities and try to address top priorities of all segments of our communities.

Get objective people with expertise to collect information from both sides and present it consistently.

Perhaps start where people agree and not where they disagree.

Dialogue; communicate district to parent and neighbor to neighbor

Unresolved differences

Inherent problem with referendums passing and state restrictions

Factions

How to plan for future funding when there are current dilemmas



*Unionville High School:
Mobile Classrooms*

Full Community Responsibility for Education

Preferred future for your group's issue

Get non-parents to volunteer at school.

Parents and non-parents need to feel more welcome.

Enlist the 70% of taxpayers that do not have children in the school system to become involved and invested in the school community.

Hard to define

Larger group coming together to work on a solution

How do you get there?

Public relations

Turn the school into a community center and haven for volunteers.

Long term planning and community buy-in

Is there an area of easy agreement?

Quality. Do it once and do it right.

Anticipated accomplishments/benefits

Ownership and results beneficial for all involved

Facilities geared to educational needs

Supports "good values" within the community without driving people away

Potential barriers

Legal issues

Liability

Security

Scheduling

Access

Cost

Entrenched positions

Communication and transparency

Education vs. expenses vs. preferences

How to get around the barriers

Intergenerational book club
Partnering opportunities
Public relations
Political activity
Mutual trust throughout the stakeholders
Attempting to determine issues that will help draw people in

Prospects for cooperation

Human resources recognition
Very difficult

What incentives might make a difference?

Money
Intrinsic rewards
Making volunteers feel valued
Open issue

Suggested Action Items

Get everyone involved in community service.
Heal the political wounds.
Get more diverse representation and not the same people again and again.
More communication and interaction within the community
More forums and sessions for discussion

Ways to work together

Better communications
Newsletters
Reaching out
Seek out diverse representation.

Unresolved differences

Old political wounds
What is needed vs. what is desired
Resentment of newcomers

At-risk behavior of students: drugs, alcohol, risky driving, promiscuity, cyber bullying, mental health issues, etc.

Preferred future for your group's issue

At-risk behavior decreases.
School and community are preemptive and proactive, addressing potential problems before they become major problems.
Safe behavior
Student engagement
Accountability
More clubs and activities available for kids

How do you get there?

Increased parent education and involvement
Student education
Youth recreation facilities
Sharing of information
Consistency
All agencies providing the same message
Training sessions for parents and students
More clubs and activities; parental involvement

Is there an area of easy agreement?

None of us want this for our youth (the participation in at-risk behavior).



Anticipated accomplishments/benefits

Students engage in healthy, positive activities and learn to act responsibly, in turn becoming responsible parents.
More healthy and productive children

Potential barriers

Media influence; this behavior is promoted through the media
Responsibility is abdicated to school, even though they have limited control over these issues.
Reaching parents and getting them involved is difficult.
Few people are concerned about this issue.
Cost
Time
Getting people informed and involved
School directors need to be in closer touch with their constituents and reflect the values of the community.
Gaining correct information for a consensus

How to get around the barriers

Raising awareness of the problem and viewing the problem as legitimate
Parents take responsibility.
Provide data of student risk survey in flyers, websites.
Cooperation of community members to promote healthy alternatives
More community discussions that are well advertised

Prospects for cooperation

Hospitals to present topics

What incentives might make a difference?

Make it a graduation requirement for parents and students to attend workshops and make contracts for behavior.

Suggested Action Items

Abstinence by students

Parent education about the problem
Student education about the consequences (drugs, alcohol, sex, reckless driving)
Building a youth recreation facility
Community collaboration
Media transformation
Communities that care move forward.
Get more involvement from the community at large.



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