

April Agenda

Special Meeting of Trustees

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees of School District #35 has been scheduled for **Monday, April 23, 2018 at 4:00pm** at the **Gallatin Gateway Community Center**. (All policies can be found at www.gallatingatewayschool.com.)

Call to Order

Presiding Trustee's explanation of procedures

Public Comment- Non Agenda Items- Sign in sheet

Old Business

Strategic Planning with Debra Silk, MTSBA

Adjournment

"The Gallatin Gateway School community empowers our students to take responsibility for their learning so they may achieve their individual potentials as lifelong learners and productive citizens."

Excerpt from GGS Policy #1441- Audience Participation

Audience Participation

The Board recognizes the value of public comment on educational issues and the importance of involving members of the public in its meetings. The Board also recognizes the statutory and constitutional rights of the public to participate in governmental operations. To allow fair and orderly expression of public comments, the Board will permit public participation through oral or written comments during the “public comment” section of the Board agenda and prior to a final decision on a matter of significant interest to the public. The Chairperson may control such comment to ensure an orderly progression of the meeting.

Individuals wishing to be heard by the Chairperson shall first be recognized by the Chairperson. Individuals, after identifying themselves, will proceed to make comments as briefly as the subject permits. The Chairperson may interrupt or terminate an individual’s statement when appropriate, including when statements are out of order, too lengthy, personally directed, abusive, obscene, or irrelevant. The Board as a whole shall have the final decision in determining the appropriateness of all such rulings. It is important for all participants to remember that Board meetings are held in public but are not public meetings. Members of the public shall be recognized and allowed input during the meeting, at the discretion of the Chairperson.

Cross Reference: 1420 School Board Meeting Procedure

Legal Reference: Article II, Section 8, Montana Constitution – Right of participation
Article II, Section 10, Montana Constitution – Right of privacy
§§ 2-3-101, et seq., MCA Notice and Opportunity to Be Heard

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MINUTES
SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES, GALLATIN GATEWAY SCHOOL DISTRICT #35

Call to Order

The Board of Trustees of the Gallatin Gateway School District #35 met at 4:00pm on Monday, April 23, 2018 at the Gallatin Gateway School. The meeting was called to order at 4:08pm.

Trustees Present

Donna Shockley, Board Chair; Aaron Schwieterman, Board Vice-Chair, Julie Fleury, Christie Francis, and Lessa Racow

Trustees Absent

None

Staff Present

Travis Anderson, Superintendent; Carrie Fisher, District Clerk; Erica Clark, Administrative Secretary; Fraulein Jaffe, Instructional Aide; and Jacki Yager, Teacher

Others Present

Debra Silk, MTSBA Strategic Planning Facilitator; Matt Elwell, Carissa Paulson, Lyn Morton, Andi Shockley, and Mary Martin

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

Donna Shockley recognized Christie Francis for her service on the Board, she noted that this was the final meeting Christie would be attending with the entire board since she is not running for office again and will be out of town for the regular May meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Strategic Planning with Debra Silk, MTSBA

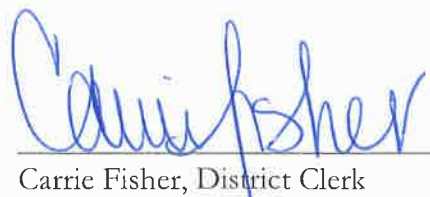
Debra Silk from MTSBA facilitated strategic planning discussions with the community. The discussions focused on the draft strategic plan developed during the last three strategic plan meetings. The individuals present reviewed each area of the strategic plan and provided input on wording and content changes. All information gathered during this strategic planning session will be compiled by Debra Silk and provided to the Board for final adoption of the plan. No date is set for the final adoption of the plan at this time and the Board would like to receive more community input prior to adoption.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:10pm.



Donna Shockley, Board Chair




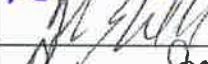
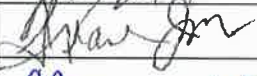








Carrie Fisher, District Clerk

Special Meeting

April 23, 2018

Sign-in Sheet

<u>Name- please print</u>	<u>Signature</u>
1. CARRIE FISHER	
2. Donna Shockley	
3. Aaron Schwieterman	
4. Matt Elwell	
5. Fraulein Jaffe	
6. Carissa Paulson	
7. Erica Clark	
8. Lyn Morton	
9. Jacki Vager	
10. Andi Shockley	
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GALLATIN GATEWAY SCHOOL

Strategic Plan

2018

Overview

The Gallatin Gateway School has created a new direction for the school district to strategically focus its resources on identified wants, preferences, and needs of its community. As part of this process, the District has begun a strategic planning and thinking process that will lead to a stronger and more vital school district. This process will be ongoing as the District moves into the future. This strategic plan is intended to help the District in focusing its resources in a manner that will best benefit the children enrolled in the District.

The Gallatin Gateway Board of Trustees and staff began the strategic planning and thinking process necessary to fit with its commitment to children, to community engagement and to knowledge-based decision-making processes.

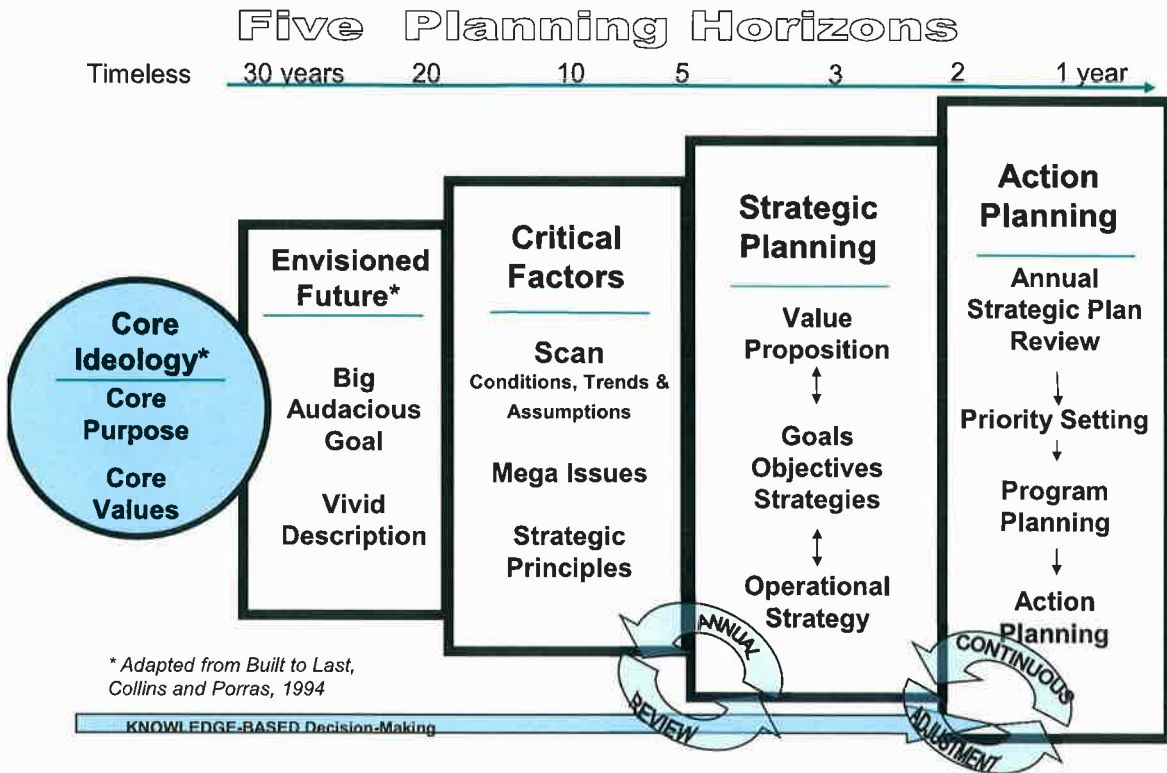
As part of its preparation for strategic planning, the District brought in Debra Silk of the Montana School Boards Association to help facilitate the strategic planning process.

On _____, 2018, the Gallatin Gateway Board of Trustees formally adopted its new strategic plan.

The District views the process of strategic planning as an ongoing process within the school system. This is not a "strategic planning project" that is completed. Adoption of a plan is an affirmation of the general intent and direction articulated by the Core Ideology, Envisioned Future and Goals and Strategic Objectives. It is understood that progress toward achieving plan strategic objectives will be assessed at least annually, and the plan will be updated based on achievement and changes in the needs of the children served by the District.

Strategic Planning Framework

The framework used by the District for its strategic planning process was adapted from a model developed by Jim Collins, author of “Built to Last” and “Good to Great.” The Board focused on five different planning horizons, starting with the long-term issues first to provide focus to shorter term efforts.



Core Ideology of the Gallatin Gateway School

Core ideology describes a school district's consistent identity that transcends all changes related to its relevant environment. It consists of two elements - **core purpose** - the school district's reason for being - and **core values** - essential and enduring principles that guide a school district. **Envisioned future** conveys a concrete yet unrealized vision for the school district. It consists of a **big audacious goal** - a clear and compelling catalyst that serves as a focal point for effort - and a **vivid description** - vibrant and engaging descriptions of what it will be like to achieve the big audacious goal.

The Core Purpose of Gallatin Gateway School:

The Core Purpose of Gallatin Gateway School is to embrace an engaging learning culture in a safe, nurturing environment where each student thrives now and into the future.

Core Values of the Gallatin Gateway School:

- **Individualized Success** – We value a commitment of success from each board member, each staff member and each student. The dedication and enthusiasm of each board member and each staff member together with our nurturing, inspiring environment is critical to each student's individual success.
- **Student-Centered** – The focus of all decisions is based first and foremost on the interests of each and every student. We value the individual attributes of each student and a school environment that promotes positive, individual opportunities for each student.
- **Sense of Community** – We believe that the engagement of our community is vital to our success.
- **Accountability** – We believe that holding ourselves accountable for our successes and our challenges is essential to reaching our envisioned future.

10-15 Year Planning Horizon

Envisioned Future of the Gallatin Gateway School

Big Audacious Goal: Gallatin Gateway School is the premier school in our area because of our dynamic, collaborative, and stimulating environment where each student thrives.

Vivid Descriptors of our Desired Future:

- Our small school setting allows us to focus on the individualized success of each student.
- Our staff are highly trained in meeting the individual needs, skills and learning styles of each student.
- Our students enjoy a variety of opportunities for out-of-classroom experiences that enhance their learning.
- We are a leader in science, technology, engineering, music, arts and math.
- Our school calendar fully supports the needs, skills and learning styles of each student and the preferences of families.
- Our educational programming is set up to fully integrate subject matters, to include real-world applications, and smooth transitions from subject to subject and grade to grade.
- Students interact with multiple caring, dynamic staff and volunteers each day. This keeps our students stimulated and enthusiastic about their learning environment.
- Because of our quality programming and excellent reputation, parents are on a waiting list to have their children enrolled in our school.
- Families that have children enrolled in our school are enthusiastic about having their children here and have provided us with important feedback on the positive impacts we had on their child(ren);
- Our parents and community members welcome opportunities to volunteer. As a result of our strong volunteer program and the ongoing collaboration with businesses and professionals in our area, our students are exposed to a variety of opportunities that they wouldn't otherwise have.
- We have a greenhouse that supports the nutritional needs of our students, staff, and community.
- Our facilities fully support our dynamic, collaborative, and stimulating environment and the needs of our community.

5-10 Year Planning Horizon

Assumptions Regarding the Relevant Future for the Gallatin Gateway School

In order to make progress toward the 10-15 Envisioned Future, Gallatin Gateway School must constantly anticipate the strategic factors likely to affect its ability to succeed, and to assess the implications of those factors. This process of building foresight about the future will help the District to constantly recalibrate its view of the relevant future, a basis upon which to update the strategic plan on an annual basis. As the outcome-oriented goals that will form the basis of the long-range strategic plan will be based on this foresight, annual review of these statements will be an appropriate method of determining and ensuring the ongoing relevance of the strategic plan.

Creating the Assumptions - during the Strategic Planning meetings held in the Spring of 2018, the Gallatin Gateway School Board of Trustees, Staff Leadership Team, and faculty made many assumptions about the future. While many different assumptions were made, see Appendix "A" to this Plan for those assumptions that are likely to have the greatest influence on the success of Gallatin Gateway School.

Five-Year Planning Horizon

Outcome-Oriented Goals and Strategic Objectives

The following thinking represents goals for the next five years. They are areas in which Gallatin Gateway School will explicitly state the conditions or attributes it wants to achieve. These outcome statements will define, "what will constitute future success." The achievement of each goal will move the school district toward realization of its Envisioned Future.

Strategic Objectives provide direction and actions on how the school district will accomplish its articulated goals. All strategies included in the strategic plan should be considered accomplishable at some point in the future. Strategic Objectives are reviewed annually by the Gallatin Gateway School Board, Staff Leadership Team, and faculty.

Goals of the Gallatin Gateway School

Goal Area 1: Individual Student Success

Statement of Intended Outcome, Five years: We have successfully enhanced our expectations of students, the exposure of our students to learning opportunities, and our individualized approach to education. As a result, our students are enthused about their education, are enjoying their experiences, and are thriving.

1-2 Year Strategic Objectives:

- We will establish high expectations for our students and provide the necessary supports for their success.
- We will enhance the exposure and opportunities of our students to the arts and to music programs.
- We will integrate opportunities in our curriculum and programs for students to learn foreign languages.
- We will enhance the educational opportunities of our students through after-school programming and other forums.
- We will enhance the opportunities for our students to learn through real world application of concepts, problem solving and critical thinking.

Goal Area 2: Staff

Statement of Intended Outcome, Five years: Our staff (and our volunteers) perform duties in a collaborative and cohesive manner that fully supports the individual needs of our students. Our staff and volunteers have positively impacted each student enrolled in our school.

1-2 Year Strategic Objectives:

- We will increase the effectiveness and efficiency of our staffing levels to ensure that we are meeting the individual needs of our students.
- We will enhance the professional development opportunities for our staff and our volunteers with a clear focus on increasing the individual success of each student.
- We will enhance the effectiveness of our volunteer program for the mutual benefit of the school, staff, students and those who volunteer their time.
- We will enhance the opportunities for staff and volunteers to collaborate in work sessions with a focus on alignment of our curriculum from subject to subject, grade to grade and the transition to secondary education.

Goal Area 3: Facilities

Statement of Intended Outcome, Five Years: We have successfully integrated environmentally friendly initiatives into our school and enhanced the current and future use and efficiency of our facilities to ensure that our school meets the contemporary needs of our students, staff and the community we serve.

1-2 Year Strategic Objectives:

- We will initiate programs that are environmentally responsibility that provide additional opportunities for our students, staff and community to collaborate and which support the school and the community.
- We will initiate a comprehensive review of our existing space in order to maximize the efficiency and use of our facilities.
- We will analyze our options for future expansion while making enhancements to our existing facilities that support our students, staff and community.

- We will embark on an initiative to enhance our facilities with the intended goal of being a community facility that is welcoming, inviting and provides for community activities, events and learning opportunities.

Goal Area 4: Leadership, Communication and Collaboration

Statement of Intended Outcome, Five Years: Through our efforts in enhancing our leadership roles, the quality and effectiveness of our communications and collaboration with parents, staff and the community, we operate in a cohesive manner that has significantly improved our District operations, programs and services and enhanced individual student success.

1-2 Year Strategic Objectives:

- We will make enhancements to our volunteer program.
- We will increase our use of social media to foster greater awareness of the need and importance of volunteers to our District, staff and students.
- We will enhance our communication with clear direction on the implementation and executive of expectations for all.
- We will enhance our communication to provide clear direction on proper and appropriate channels for parents, students and staff.
- We will create a school environment that is collaborative and solution-based involving all relevant stakeholders.

Goal Area 5: Safety

Statement of Intended Outcome, Five Years: We have enhanced the safety and security of our facilities to minimize the risk and harm to our students and staff in the event of a safety or security breach. In addition to making our buildings and school premises a safe place for students and staff, we have effectively enhanced our emotion support services for students who may be at-risk and have further experienced a significant decline in student discipline as a result of our restorative justice initiate.

1-2 Year Strategic Objectives:

- We will enhance our safety procedures and training for all emergency situations.
- We will enhance our counseling support for students who may be at-risk.
- We will increase our awareness of, training on and implementation of restorative justice initiatives as an alternative means of addressing student behaviors.

Next Steps: The Board, Staff Leadership Team and Staff will be developing action plans identifying the key activities/events, primary person(s) responsible for championing each activity/event identified and the timeline(s) for implementing and/or completing each activities/event.

Appendix “A”

Megatrend Analysis to Help Inform and Assess Gallatin Gateway

School’s Strategic Plan

Assumptions about the future (5-10 years)

Assumptions: The following are 5-10 year assumptions concerning the key external trends, challenges, or issues facing Gallatin Gateway Schools in the future. They may represent either future opportunities or threats to the District.

5-10 Year Planning Horizon

Assumptions Regarding the Relevant Future for the Gallatin Gateway Schools

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Assumptions about the future

Demographics

Business and Economic Climate

Politics and Social Values

Technology and Science

Legislation and Regulation

5-10 Year Planning Horizon

Mega Issues facing the Gallatin Gateway Schools

Mega issues are issues of strategic importance, which represent choices the school district will need to make in defining the ultimate direction of its long-range plan. These issues represent potential impediments to achievement of the Envisioned Future, and form a basis for dialogue about the choices facing the school district. These questions can serve as an ongoing "menu" of strategic issues that, using a knowledge-based approach in gathering insights relative to Gallatin Gateway Schools' strategic position and directional choices for each of the issues, can be used by the Board to create regular opportunities for strategic dialogue about the future issues facing the school district.

Note: The questions are not necessarily arranged in priority order.

Mega Issues for Consideration