PD Consortia Meeting

January 2009

Session Notes: Keeping Your Eye on the Prize

Challenges/Ideas

Overall theme from discussion among pd's—Look at current context as opportunity, not just as a challenge.

Work with partners to ensure that the SSHS story is being told by many in the community

Look at potential impact in increase in crime with loss of funding; Compare crime data from before and after the grant; focus on value of SRO's

Break out $$ needed for different aspects of program—i.e. set up fee for service for after school academies; use SSHS $$ for scholarships; school district could pay for transportation

Since SSHS has good data may actually be in a better position to promote continued funding for functions, because people want to fund things that work—this is why fidelity of implementation is so important

Don't succumb to pressures to use SSHS $$ for existing programs

Staff turnover may decrease because of difficulty finding other jobs—good for SSHS continuity

May be only change initiative around—good for SSHS

Legacy is a social-emotional model

Promote SEL as a strategy to close the achievement gap

One site got SEL into training for principals

Celebrate small successes

Link with colleges (practicum for students) to get additional help

Don't get in adversarial roles with partners and compete for funding—keep protecting partnerships foremost in mind-celebrate relationships that re built on honesty and trust; FUNDING will come again-commit to relationship dialogue (metaphor of friendship bread-spread it around)—who is the best group in the community to continue the work or pieces of the work—it may not be the school district

There may be an increase in violence because of dip in the economy

Have legacy luncheon (emphasize shared stories)- pick some families and students to share successes as a result of the initiative—used this to introduce new structure (in this community they started a 501C3

Create new partnerships

Network with United Way

Balance existing SSHS with going after new $$--don't get spread too thin

As PD don't assume that you know what the vision is—capitalize on need to organize, prioritize problems