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## Parkview Blog – Board/Staff Conversations

I am a firm believer in staff and community involvement in creating a school/community partnership. In this partnership, everyone is working together to help set the goals and vision of the school district. Part of this partnership takes place in the School Board elections where citizens are elected to the Board of Education to help represent the students, staff, parents and citizens of the community. Schools are often the hub of most communities and what happens in the school district has an impact on the town and community in which the school resides. With this belief in mind, I feel it is very important for the School Board to discuss major ideas and projects with the staff and community in order to get the staff and residents feedback on important issues. I am proud to say that the Parkview School Board shares this belief with me.

On Friday, April 19, four members from the Board of Education took the time to meet with approximately thirty (30) District staff members from the Elementary and Junior/Senior High School. This was the first of a series of Board/Staff and Board/Community meetings that will take place throughout the upcoming year. The Board has committed to meeting with staff and community members throughout the next school year to get their thoughts and ideas on the direction of the school district and what we can do to make a good district even better. In talking with the Board and staff members that participated in the conversations, they felt that the experience was very beneficial for both themselves and for the staff.

Each School Board member sat at a table set up in various areas of the Junior/Senior High School gymnasium. Board members were at the table to listen and take notes on the discussion that took place at each table. The following were the list of starter questions that were used at the various tables:

- 1) What are some things that you like best about the Parkview School District?
- 2) In your opinion, what are some areas in which the Parkview School District could improve? Please provide your thoughts and ideas on how we could achieve these improvements.
- 3) As the School Board works on developing its next strategic plan, what short and long-range issues do you think need to be a part of this plan?
- 4) Are there any new initiatives/programs you would like to see the District implement?
- 5) Good communication is essential for any organization to succeed. How well do you think we are doing as a School District and do you have any recommendations for how we could be even better communicators?
- 6) What other comments, opinions, ideas or questions do you have regarding the Parkview School District and its future?

This week, I will take each of the table notes and compile them into a meeting summary. Once completed, I will share the summary with the Board, staff and community. The information provided by the staff to the Board will be used to help finish off this year in a strong manner and help us create goals for the upcoming school year. It is my hope that this staff/community/Board conversation format will be used on a regular basis from this point forward.

As I have said in the past, I am honored to be your District Administrator. I enjoy coming to work each day and I will do whatever is necessary to help to help the Parkview School District to be successful. Thank you for your continued support! I truly appreciate everything that you do for the Parkview School District.