

V. Discussion: Youngstown City School District Strategic Plan Draft from CEO Krish Mohip. The ADC will provide comments and feedback on the plan to CEO Mohip.

Brian Benyo, Chairman of the Academic Distress Commission opened the meeting by stating that they would begin with a period of discussion between the ADC with CEO Krish Mohip. He said that the purpose of the meeting was to provide for discussion and feedback. HB70 allows for multiple discussions and feedback and today is the first of possibly a couple of rounds of discussion and feedback, stated Benyo.

Benyo also said that each member of the ADC would be given the opportunity to share feedback, general in nature on the draft plan. The ADC would also provide feedback on things that they feel needs to be altered, removed, rethought or restructured.

Member Vince Shivers stated that his view of the plan overall is that it is a “good plan” but he would like to see more fine details given on various steps, more how to.

Dr. Barbara Brothers, member of the commission, like the visualization of the plan. Feels that it really captures the fact that the children and their education is what we are aiming for. She commented that the goals of the plan are expressed in wording that is clear and easy to understand. Among the things she likes about the plan are: the fact that the “first step is to get the children in school;” the expanded opportunities for learning and not just looking at the classroom; and getting the community involved. However, she feels there is too much emphasis on tests in Ohio and thinks this requirement suggest that the only path to a successful life is to go to college.

Comment Added: Dr. Brothers also feels teachers need to be more involved as the district goes forward.

Mohip responded: “I want to make sure we’re preparing them in case they do choose they want to go to school,” He stated that he wants all seniors to have postgraduate plans in place before they leave high school.

Also, he mentioned that the ACT tests are preparing students in case they do decide to go to college, not saying they all have to go. Also, commented that the ACT doesn’t cost the district anything.

Benyo stated that students need to be college and career ready and the ACT test is the best indicator of accomplishment in his opinion.

He feels the alignment of the goals for the plan is excellent. Needs more tangible ideas about what the actions steps are; what and how the plan will accomplish the objectives; and who is responsible for what is outlined in the plan. Benyo would also like to see a narrowing down of the objectives. Wants the plan to detail who will be responsible for what.

Mr. Benyo also wants to see a clear staffing plan identified and the cost involved.

