

Polo R-VII
Strategic Planning 2007-2012
Survey Results

Listed below are the results of the Strategic Planning Goals and Improvement Survey. The goals were developed and discussed at the November and December 2006 Community/School Strategic Planning Meeting. The Goals and Objectives are not listed in any particular order or ranking. This is not a finalized document or plan of the Polo R-VII School District.

A Scale of “10 to 1” – with “10” being of high priority and “1” being of low priority was used for this survey - beside each Area of Improvement is the average rating of 138 returned surveys. This represents a 15% return rate out of 950 surveys mailed. These survey results will be utilized by the planning committee and will be prioritized by the Polo R-VII School District and Board of Education.

School/Parent/Community Communications and Relations

Goal – The Polo R-VII School District will Improve Communications with Parents

Areas of Improvement

- Communicate more often, more effectively, and in multiple ways with parents about both classroom and extracurricular activities **9.17 Average**
- Improve website (both navigation and content) **6.63 Average**
- Promote use of website by parents **6.49 Average**
- Provide opportunities for students to hear/read daily announcements **7.89 Average**

Goal – The Polo R-VII School District will Establish and Clearly Communicate Expectations for Parents, Teachers, and Students

Areas of Improvement

- Ensure consistency from classroom to classroom with regard to teachers’ basic expectations of students and homework **8.75 Average**
- Establish clear expectations of the district by the teachers as related to discipline and respect, school pride, and school activities **8.76 Average**
- Clarify expectations/requirements of teacher student aides **8.11 Average**

Goal – The Polo R-VII School District will Interact and Communicate More Effectively with the Community

Areas of Improvement

- Inform community about school activities and how to get involved **8.02 Average**
- Conduct “Good Citizen” activities for the community **7.13 Average**
- Increase or improve school signage in the community **6.86 Average**
- Involve community more in homecoming and other activities **7.06 Average**
- Attend and participate in city and community meetings more and on a regular basis **6.94 Average**
- Be proactive in asking community groups for help and involvement **7.42 Average**

Goal – The Polo R-VII School District will Market the School District to help Increase Resident and Non-resident Enrollment

Areas of Improvement

- Develop a proactive marketing and student recruitment plan **7.26 Average**
- Offer and promote services/benefits of school **7.36 Average**
- Work towards becoming an A+ School **8.52 Average**

Facilities

Goal – The Polo R-VII School District will Provide a Safe, Clean, Positive Learning Environment

Areas of Improvement

- Continue to maintain care and upkeep of present facilities – **9.0 Average**
- Replacement of old floor tile - **6.91 Average**
- Replacement of football field lights and poles - **6.36 Average**
- Replacement of and improvement for track and track facilities – **6.79 Average**

Goal – The Polo R-VII School District will Promote and Provide for Adequate Facility Space for an Optimum Safe and Successful Learning Experience

Areas of Improvement

- Provide for space for two sections of 5th and 6th Grade to reduce class sizes **8.34 Average**
- Provide main building space for pre-school to eliminate use of module – **6.72 Average**
- Provide additional cafeteria size and space to increase capacity / serving time and disposal safety - **7.39 Average**

Goal – The Polo R-VII School District will Promote and Provide Facilities that will Meet the Needs of Future Growth, Expansion, and Optimum Educational Opportunities

Areas of Improvement

- Look to additional land on the south side of property to help meet facility needs of all three facility goals - **6.82 Average**
Increase resources and space for optimum elementary and secondary computer labs, library and science labs - **7.42 Average**
- Maintain and improve FACS and AG labs – **6.98 Average**
- Provide for adequate facility space for performing arts – **7.0 Average**
- Develop partnership with community on facility needs and use of community building - **7.9 Average**

Curriculum and Instruction

Goal – The Polo R-VII School District will Provide Opportunities through Curriculum to Maximize Learning to Help Students Prepare for the Future

Areas of Improvement

- Provide opportunities for each student to read and write effectively **9.48 Average**
- Provide adequate resources for the library **8.78 Average**
- Develop four year plans for each student beginning in middle school **8.62 Average**
- Develop “Life Skills” programs such as personal finance, resume building, job interview skills **8.95 Average**
- Develop an A+ Program **8.71 Average**

Goal – The Polo R-VII School District will Provide Instructional Strategies that Engage each Student

Areas of Improvement

- Continue to attract high quality staff **9.16 Average**
- Promote high order thinking skills **8.61 Average**
- effective communication by staff to students **9.01 Average**
- Provide instructional strategies the engage At-Risk students **8.41 Average**
- Continue present At-Risk Program **8.15 Average**
- Develop Gifted Program **7.61 Average**
- Utilize community business leaders for instructional resource and mentors **8.03 Average**
- Establish Peer Mentoring Program **7.86 Average**

Goal – The Polo R-VII School District shall Provide Optimum Opportunities for All Students Through Expanded Course Offerings

Areas of Improvement

- The Curriculum will meet state graduation requirements **9.48 Average**
- Provide staff for adequate class sizes – specifically in 5th and 6th grades – **8.81 Average**
- Provide master schedule to accommodate and meet the needs of the maximum number of students **8.53 Average**
- Provide for a variety of class and course offerings including Fine Arts, PE, and Art at all grade levels **8.12 Average**
- Begin offering keyboarding at elementary levels & computer applications in middle school **8.23 Average**
- Offer and promote Adult Education Courses at school facilities through Vo-Tech and/or other sources **7.60 Average**

Technology

Goal – The Polo R-VII School District will Devise a Plan to Keep the District’s Technology Current and Sufficient to Meet the Needs of the Staff and Students

Areas of Improvement

- Develop a life cycle management plan that can be financial supported within the budget **7.58 Average**
- Provide space for and additional elementary computer lab **7.23 Average**
- Improve and enhance phone and intercom system **6.04 Average**
- Provide technology for a mechanical facility lock down system **6.73 Average**

Goal – The Polo R-VII School District will have a District Technology Curriculum that will Facilitate Learning the Skills used in Contemporary Workplaces and Higher Education

Areas of Improvement

- Implement technology into daily lessons **7.96 Average**
- Offer more computer application courses and at an earlier age **7.71 Average**
- Promote student involvement in web page development **6.91 Average**
- Promote the ability of students to publish and extract information via technology **7.70 Average**
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Goal – The Polo R-VII School District will Provide Professional Development Opportunities for Staff to Acquire the Skills needed to Implement and Use the technology in their Daily Curriculum

Areas of Improvement

- Continued training in present computer programs used by the school **8.14 Average**
- Secure and promote the tools necessary to creating a computer based technology program **7.94 Average**

Goal – The Polo R-VII School District will Gather Insight into the Technology Trends of Contemporary Workplaces and Higher Education

Areas of Improvement

- Develop a Community/School Technology Support Group **7.41 Average**
- Develop and promote contact with colleges, universities and technical schools **8.49 Average**

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMUNITY MEETING
WEDNESDAY – APRIL 4TH @ 7:00 PM
YOUR INPUT AND ATTENDANCE IS APPRECIATED!

