

Strategic Planning Committee

June 1, 2010 – 11:00am-1:00 pm

❖ **Attendees:**

Harold Benson, Elmer Koch, Rod Hemstreet, Chuck Carlson, Ralph Thorp, Vonda Gluck, Jim Bloom, Carol Peterson; Guest: Mark Sanders

❖ **Impact Group**

Chuck Carlson shared his personal interest in the TBI (Traumatic Brain Injury) Center. Both he and his grandson suffered head injuries, but were allowed to continue activities with only minor treatment and after care. The committee is reviewing bringing a pilot program to South High that addresses head injuries and subsequent prevention measures for student athletes, particularly in football. The goal of the program is to prevent further injury and reduce liability by assessing a concussion. Diagnostics are conducted on the field at the time of the injury, and measure loss of consciousness and cognitive and motor response changes. The assessor has the authority to remove an injured player based on the assessment. The on-field diagnostic is followed by an off-field assessment that is computer-based and measures cognitive abilities based on a baseline or pre-test that all students will take prior to the season.

Once a student is identified through the assessment process they are referred to one of the TBI Centers. A student's family may choose to go to their family physician and get a go-ahead to return to activity and in these cases the school would not be liable. However, there is a moral responsibility to the student to ensure they are getting the best support possible.

Currently Mark covers activity fees for low income students. The cost of the test would be part of the activity fees.

The school currently uses the SCAT2 test which is administered by a physician during a game, or a trainer during practices. Mark is interested in learning more. Perhaps visiting a school that is currently using the program or have someone from Impact visit and answer questions. We will need to address implementation concerns. The test takes 10 minutes, and we have approximately 300 student athletes that will need to take the baseline test. Mark Sanders, Chuck Carlson, and Bill McMoore can do the research and report back in August.

❖ **Fundraising**

The kiosk will be out for the last time this Thursday, then available for the Golf Tournament. Fall is our best time for sales. We have been disappointed with the lack of forward movement on the storage for the kiosk, and it doesn't look like it's going to happen soon. Mark would like the kiosk out of his office at some point.

Carol will call the state gambling board to research doing a gambling night.

❖ **Engineering/Entrepreneur's Class**

The committee members left to attend the Engineering Class at noon. Students demonstrated the products they had been working on, from idea to patent.

Two of the groups are ready to move on to the patent stage. The group that created the Diabetic Pen is already working with a patent lawyer, and has a draft of costs to create the pen. The 2nd group, created a mobile computer-generated whiteboard, and need funding for materials to create the proto-type. They will also be speaking with a patent lawyer.

❖ **Committee Chairman**

Harold Benson has been asked to chair the Grants Committee, due to George Dahl's resignation. The Strategic Planning Committee needs a chair, therefore, for the 2010-2011 year. Committee members will remain the same. Will need to address at the September meeting.

❖ **2010-2011 Committee Dates - Tuesday, 11am, conference room 149.**

September 7	October 5	November 2	December 7
January 4	February 1	March 1	April 5
May 3	June 7		