

## **Where are we now? Values**

### **Pleasant Hill-May 11, 2015**

Grandparents are taking the role of parents for grandchildren

Drug use controls many families

Increased number of grandparents raising children, foster care, extended family care

High values

Hard to control outside of school

We are not unique in our issues

Positive family influence affects academic ability

Parents in a poverty situation don't see value in following up on homework, projects, daily folders, etc.

Are we really teaching students how to be better than their parents?

Too much demand on teachers to teach manners, work ethic, behaviors

Not investing in future

## **Where are we now? Workforce**

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Local educators at Pleasant Hill are well respected

A shortage of skilled medical/technical workforce

Lack of work ethic

Inability/lack of desire to complete a program

Want an immediate fix

NEED industry

If you "love" our children, need to pay more for education (increasing taxes)

Put money where values are

Quality of workforce is improving---maybe

Chamber & County do not work together which deters new business

Quality jobs not available

Employees cannot pass drug screen

Can find a job if you want one

Need blue collar jobs because they keep us moving

Athletic achievements get more attention in the media than academic achievements (i.e. picture in the paper with the whole family and coaches)

Demand for workforce growing, will we be ready?

## **Where are we now? Social**

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The average below income impacts negatively on family opportunities

The postal service is a community center point in Pleasant Hill

There is an abundance of natural outdoor treasures

A shortage of 24 hour medical walk-in clinics

Lack of childcare

Community has drug abuse issues

Lack of face to face communication due to today's technology use

Lack of confidence in local hospital

Childcare cost does not equal earned pay

Need recreation opportunities for kids/families

Child care essential

Need child care at Phoenix School

Quality daycare available

Good after school programs, North Cumberland especially. Other schools could benefit from having after school program

Pleasant Hill residents want services in Pleasant Hill-stay in community

Can smell drugs on kids as they exit the bus

Parents put meth in baby bottles

Kids bringing drugs to school

Drugs more sophisticated now

Cumberland County stereotyped as being sheltered, so drugs are easily hidden

Do we have enough law enforcement??

## **Where are we now? Cultural**

### **Pleasant Hill-May 11, 2015**

Economics are impacting our traditional families

The City of Pleasant Hill is ½ retirees

Community volunteers handling family support issues

Pleasant Hill still holds to the heritage of the Pleasant Hill Academy

Lack of child care

We have many cultural art groups

Lacking work ethic

Do not use “The Golden Rule”

Lack of respect for self and others

At Pleasant Hill Elementary, they work on these concerns every day, but need constant support and reinforcement from parents and lawmakers.

“Mom and Dad don’t work, so I don’t have to” seems to be the attitude of some children

Stigma-Pleasant Hill not as privileged

**Where are we going? Values**

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Moving towards religious extremes

Slow progress

## **Where are we going? Workforce**

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Unknown

Academically we have come miles over past 30 years

If we can keep students motivated, greater potential—help them get over what they are facing outside of school

If not willing to change, not going anywhere

## **Where are we going? Social**

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There is less personal interaction because of social media

We're losing our ability to communicate with each other on a personal level

Families without internet are left behind

Need to raise taxes

Teachers spending a lot of salary on classroom supplies

Pre-K has to be funded, more kids need it

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Not going to change

## **Where do we want to be? Values**

### **Pleasant Hill-May 11, 2015**

Self-worth and pride in our community

See educators as trusted professionals such as doctors, attorneys, engineers, ministers (see more positive)

Strong, positive family influence

Those that want change be willing to speak up

**Where do we want to be? Workforce**

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MUST instill a strong work ethic into our kids

Additional jobs

Explain/show citizens what hard work can bring

Better paying jobs

Better prepared workforce

More skills

Quality blue collar participation valued

**Where do we want to be? Social**

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We want outreach programs for isolated people

Strict enforcement of school attendance by law enforcement

State participation in Medicaid

Better hospital

Better parks

Speed control in walking areas, more pedestrian friendly

Recreational facilities within communities

Safer places for walking, jogging

Keep strong religious values

**Where do we want to be? Cultural**

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We're moving away from living off the land. We are dependent on vehicles and food supply

We want a greater expansion of cultural art in the schools and community

More individual community awareness, want whole county to know what community across town is doing