Session 2226

Components of Values-Enhanced Equity Agenda Protocol

What does it mean to have an equity agenda? - We share (1) a clear vision of what equity means to our community, (2) have a set of strategies to achieve the vision based on readiness and preparedness, and (3) have systems in place to monitor and report on progress.

- 1. Is the vision/mission statement clear and specific about what equity means to our community? *Consider, for example:*
 - How was it developed (e.g. by the school board? by the district leadership team? by district/school/community coalitions)?
 - Does it identify student groups and/or characteristics that identify student needs?
 - Does the statement identify values expected to guide decisions and actions?
- 2. How is the mission/vision statement known and used internally? Consider, for example:
 - Is there an equity policy describing expectations, actions and outcomes?
 - Are the statement/values shared with district and school leaders?
 - How do teachers receive and learn about the statement/values?
 - Are the statement/values used in district and school-led sessions to develop shared understandings about the equity agenda, and in professional learning?
 - How are teachers defining their role as powerful influencers of student learning and their advancing equity?
- 3. Are equity goals, strategies and systems linked to the mission/vision statements? *Consider, for example:*
 - What are the strategies specifically linked to elements in the mission/vision statement?
 - Are the values explicit in, and guide, human resource processes (e.g. hiring, on-boarding, developing, evaluating performance)?
 - Are the values explicit in, and guide, budget processes?
 - How are district leaders, school leaders and teachers engaged in designing systems and strategies to know each student and provide feedback that supports learning?
- 4. How is progress in advancing and sustaining equity monitored and reported? *Consider, for example:*
 - What data about student experiences are captured?
 - How are the district's stories told in ways that are compelling to the community?
 - How are the stories of individual schools told in ways compelling to their communities?
 - How are district leaders, school leaders and teachers monitoring and reporting each student's progress?
 - How are data used to make decisions and adjustments in systems and structures?