



St. Francis Public Schools Listening Session

Sunday, Feb. 26, 2017

Introduce yourself:

- Your name, how long you've lived in the area and why you care about public schools.
- Ask for permission to interrupt. Explain that today we hope to listen to everyone's concerns – and so you may have to interrupt to keep things moving and get people out on time.

First Rounds Question: (Let them know that it's 1 minute per answer – Model this for them)

- Where do you live?
- What brought you and your family to the area and what keeps you here?

Second Rounds Question: (They will have 2-3 minutes to answer this one)

- If you could ask the school board for one thing (and you knew they would say yes), what would you ask for?
- WHY? (This is the most important follow-up question) "Why is that important to you?"

*Keep people focused on generating ideas – don't move into "fix it" mode. There will be people with tons of suggestions on how to fix things... tell them there will be time after everyone has had a chance to speak.

Ideas:

After every person has had a chance to share, ask for any ideas they might have to act on the concerns they brought up. Have they tried before? What was the response?

IMPORTANT:

Take notes – jot down concerns people are lifting up – but more importantly, we are listening to find new LEADERS. Who are the people who have anger? Passion? Who have acted before and have an appetite to act now?

Commitment cards – hand them out and ask that each participant fills them out. Explain that to act on any of the issues they've mentioned, they will need to engage more people.