

Lonoke Task Force--Closing the Achievement Gap
Minutes from November 25, 2013
Lonoke High School Library

Set up communication process for relaying information from meeting to public: Jennifer Barbaree, LES principal, will take the minutes and give them to Amanda Rather, District Coordinator. Minutes of the task force meetings will be placed on the district's website for all community members to access, mentioned in the Superintendent's Topic of the Week in the Lonoke Democrat, and summarized at the monthly school board meeting.

The Task Force reviewed the mission and vision of the school.

The Task Force brainstormed the mission of our school's Task Force to come to a consensus on why we meet so that we have a clear purpose. Items that were mentioned are listed here: help our students become effective leaders in society; to prevent students from having to take remedial classes in college/higher ed (economic savings for parents and students); advanced technology; increased vocational skills; reduce the drop-out rate.

The following action was tabled until the next meeting where we hope to have greater attendance: How are we going to measure goals? Our goals are not set yet (waiting on more input from all members), so we will wait to determine an evaluation tool.

Develop sub-committees to review data at specific levels. We will have the following sub-committees: LPS, LES, LMS, LHS, District (ELL, SPED, GT, after school/summer programs)

Each sub-committee will include parents, community officials, principals, and teachers.

Sub-committees will meet in December or early January to review the collected data. The entire Task Force will meet in late January to share our findings.

Amanda Rather will set committees and email them to principals.