

Figure 3.1: Questions to Guide the Mission-Writing Process

Reflect on the following questions to help create a mission statement that will steer your parentships.

1. How can we involve parents in the process to support student learning?
2. Do parents see our staff focusing daily on student learning?
3. If we were to run into a stranger and ask about our school, what would we like that person to say?
4. How are we involving parents and other community members in this process?
5. What would our school look like if parents were a vital part of our success?
6. What will accountability look like so we know we are meeting student needs on a daily basis?
7. If we were to create the school that we all want right now, what would it look like? What would it sound like? How would parents and staff be talking about the school?
8. Is the mission statement written well enough so that those who are part of our school understand what they must do to create the school we want?
9. In what ways will we communicate our shared mission statement? In what ways will we continue to reflect on our shared mission statement to ensure it has meaning?