

Results of  
Planning Mtg #1

### GRANTMAKERS FOR EDUCATION

#### Mission:

To improve educational outcomes for students by strengthening philanthropy's capacity and effectiveness.

#### Scope:

Membership is open to grantmakers working in the area of education funding at any or all phases of the continuum from pre-K through 16-plus, as well as those who support collaborative work across the sectors. Members will be asked to support the group through dues. Others in the field of education or philanthropy who wish to receive mailings and materials may be asked to pay an affiliation fee.

#### Goals to be served by new affinity group:

- \* communication and collaboration among education funders
- \* communication and collaboration with other education organizations
- \* "a group of our own" --
  - to connect on cross-cutting issues
  - to reflect and struggle with quandaries
  - to think "out of the box"
  - to discuss "failures" and unpopular issues
  - to develop the capacity for self-criticism
- \* responsibility for developing the profession of education philanthropy
- \* responsibility for inducting others to the field
- \* multifaceted programming and activities to serve sub-sets of members
- \* focused reporting on emerging issues and lessons from current work
- \* capacity to connect members with resource information on databases -- clearinghouse function
- \* creative use of technology
- \* professional staff: respected, energetic, proactive, entrepreneurial, well-connected to the education and philanthropic fields
- \* definition and articulation of standards for education grantmaking