

INTERVIEW  
Dr. Karen Rusthoven  
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Schools

- 1) Why did you choose to use an outside evaluator?  
**Like all charter schools, we were under great scrutiny. We received a \$25,000 grant from General Mills and sent out a proposal request to various consultant groups. We hired Dr. Sheryl Lang and decided to retain her services even when the grant money ran out. Now it is just part of our budget.**
- 2) How long did you contract with the consultant?  
**We have contracted with Dr. Lang for over six years (since 1996) and are still currently contracting with her.**
- 3) Did the consultant provide you with a service no one else in your school could?  
**She does so much for us. She oversees evaluation instruments, data analysis, Cromer's School Climate Survey, emotional health survey, tracks parent involvement, student attendance, and also conducts a parent survey.**
- 4) What was the most positive aspect of working with the consultant?  
**Dr. Lang has a wide range of knowledge. She did so much to help us out back then and still does today. We really need her and she always comes through.**
- 5) What was the greatest challenge you faced in your experience with the consultant?  
**There haven't been any challenges. Money, but that is not really a problem.**
- 6) What did you hope to accomplish via the consultant services? What deliverables did you hope to receive?  
**See above answers**
- 7) Did the consultant meet your expectations regarding services and deliverables in a timely manner?  
**Met and exceeded our expectations.**
- 8) On a scale of 1-5, how would you rate your experience with the consultant?  
**Five**
- 9) On a scale of 1-5, how do you think the consultant would rate its experience with you?  
**Probably a five.**
- 10) What aspects of your relationship with the consultant could be improved?  
**None.**
- 11) Why did you choose the consultant you chose?  
**Proposal request (see above answer)**
- 12) Do you think you will continue to utilize consultant services in the future?  
**We definitely will continue to use her services.**