

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT TEAM MEETING MINUTES – QUARTER 4

Location: Wheeler	
Date: 4/15/2024	
Time:/ 3:00pm –4:00pm	
Attendance:	Ms. Haber (Dean of Students), Ms. Douglas (Counselor and Wildcat Parent), Gisela Carrero (Office Admin and Wildcat Parent), Kaylee Dekerguelen (Wildcat Parent) , Ms. Molina (SW)

Meeting Link : <https://tusd1.zoom.us/j/84546910727?pwd=T1BXMzJncVJOeDJZdkJjOXVHZytMdz09>

Agenda items

- Updates
 - Debrief Curriculum Focused Event “Nacho Your Average Literacy Night”
 - Attendance (45 families)
 - Feedback
 - Factors that mya have impacted attendance
 - Rainy weather and travel
 - Event took place a day before spring holiday break
 - Suggestions:
 - Consider hosting event in February
 - Advertising with creative content such as, short clips or skits on different platforms (FB, Dojo, pep-assembly)
 - Coordinate a spirt week aligning with event
 - Providing small maps of where activities are located
 - Kinder and Fifth Grade Celebrations
 - Kinder (Wednesday May 22nd at 5:30pm)
 - Fifth (Friday May 23rd at 8:30am)
 - Pre-K (Friday May 23rd at 9:00am)
 - Discussed conflict of events on May 23rd and overviewed celebration traditions for students
 - Site Council Updates
 - Briefly overviewed the agenda was on dress code
 - Did not have agenda minutes or members present to further discuss outcomes of Quarter 4 SC meeting
 - Upcoming events
 - School Carnival (April 19th) from 5-7pm
 - Noted volunteers needed
 - Methods of advertising event (Dojo, Newsletter, FB)

- Ideas of visual posters in front of school and in front office to advertise event and need for volunteers
- Overview Factors of Family Engagement
 - 1) Parenting
 - 2) Communicating
 - Tools; FB, Class Dojo, Weekly & Monthly Newsletter, Marquee, Phone Calls, End of the week Mini Flyers informing of upcoming events
 - Suggestion: Creating a front office bulletin board with upcoming events or celebrations, having access to more bulletin boards to promote student and staff celebrations and PTA events
 - 3) Volunteering
 - Discussed Expanding PTA
 - PTA building a bridge between families and volunteer opportunities
 - Promoting PTA calendar of events to support organization and requests of volunteers
 - 4) Learning at home
 - Next school year create workshops to provide education of school platforms such as (Clever and Class Dojo)
 - 5) Decision Making
 - 6) Collaborating with community
 - Aligning site council meetings and family engagement meetings to increase participation and build community
- Focus Group Targets for next school year
 - improvements between family and school partnership
 - Targeting creating workshops or informational guides to support parents understanding how their children learn and what they are expected to learn
- Discussion/ Information
 - Order of attention was working towards building a welcoming environment for parents and families
 - Fostering safe and welcoming environment
 - Reflecting recognition, inclusion, greeted and treated respectfully
 - Creating family friendly atmosphere
 - Strengthening relationships and capacity with families, teachers, school and PTA
 - Creating a community hub where staff and family volunteers inform families about services and programs and plan activities.
- Closure Note to Family Engagement SY 23-24