

Minutes from DPAC meeting Nov. 13, 2012

Committee Members present: Ada Stamper, Alisha Wilson, Lashauda Cunnigham, Gennifer Gilbert, Daniel Bodony, Julia Guth, Darcy Silver, Jennifer Frerichs

The meeting began at 5:34 p.m. with introductions and updates by members on positive parent engagement ideas/activities observed in their buildings. Jen Frerichs reviewed the committees past work (Definition of Parent Engagement, Parent Engagement Policy & Statement, review of Community and the Family Engagement (CAFE) audit results) and posed the question to the group "What piece of family engagement are we going to focus on this year?". The committee discussed options such as improving the district website in order to better engage families in student learning, supporting parents and students through transitions (EC to Kind, 5th - Middle School, 8th to High School, High School to College/Careers), and engaging hard to reach families. General discussion included how to improve student learning through family participation, workshops and resources. Suggestions for streamlining the paperwork involved in the registration process and how to better utilize the e-mail blast system to direct parents to information specific to educational updates (Common Core, new feature stories on the website, etc..). The committee decided to research various Parent to Parent mentoring models, gather feedback and identify specific needs from other parents and then analyze and discuss these ideas at our February meeting. Jen Frerichs will send committee members research articles related to Parent to Parent models as well as past survey data on the identified needs of parents and their perceived barriers to family engagement. The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Next meeting: February 12, 2013