District Parent Advisory Committee Accomplishments

2010-2011 Membership

Started a Virtual Parent Center on the District Website Evaluated Data Collection methods for tracking Parent Engagement Researched and Evaluated Communication methods between home, school and community

Reviewed District & School Policies

Created parent needs survey

2011-2012

Implemented and evaluated Parent Needs Survey during Centralized Registration Identified barriers to parent/student engagement using data Reviewed and discussed the Mission, Parameters, Beliefs and Strategies for the Strategic Plan

Defined Parent Engagement for Urbana School District 116

Reviewed Family Friendly Analysis Tool and discussed its usefulness

Revised the District Parent Involvement Statement and submitted it to the Board of Education for approval.

Contracted with the Center for Active Family Engagement for an External Audit of our District's welcoming practices

2012-2013

Reviewed the data by building from the external audit "Family Friendly Walkthrough"

Shared evidence of positive change viewed by parents at each building as a result of the external audit:

- Family friendly parking
- Welcoming signs
- Parent Engagement Centers/tables established
- Links to learning (family events focused upon engaging parents in their student's learning)
- Website improvements
- Kindergarten Transition overhaul

Contracted with the Center for Active Family Engagement to provide staff development for teachers in the area of Family Engagement.

Researched Parent to Parent mentoring models

2013-2014

- Addressed and corrected District and Building website issues- ongoing
- Contracted with the Center for Active Family engagement to provide training to staff on improving communication and academic engagement through data-based group Parent Teacher conferences.

- Reviewed the many supports of Positive Behavior Intervention Support, character traits, and Second Step and provided feedback and suggestions regarding the District's communication and implementation of these initiatives – PBIS Summit May 2014.
- Skyward Parent informational video- being created for Fall 2014
- University of Illinois Literacy Partnership (in development)