

School Improvement Council

Thursday, January 24, 2024

8:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

1. Introduction – Members and Guests (5 people)

Cameron Brice – Principal

Erin MacArthur – PTA President – 3rd Grade Student

Bryan Hayes – Boys and Girls Club Director (KROC)

Jessica Blake – Parent (Engineering) 3rd Grade Student

Demond Criss – Program Director and Parent 5th Grade Student

2. Updated SIC Goals

- Motion to approve minutes (December 14, 2023) - Erin and second by Bryan (notes were approved).
- **Mentor Training - Mrs. Cooker** (2 trained - Bryan one of the mentors)
 - Mrs. Cooker can train anyone to be a mentor
- **Career Conversations with 5th Graders** - Mrs. Cooker
 - Asking for more career volunteers on Wednesday, February 7th and Friday, February 9th
- **Finding more Business Partners** (Mentoring) near A. J. (Jessica Blake)
 - In contact with about 5 businesses
 - Challenge - More people are working for home
 - Next Step - When find the contact with business, connect with the school (Mrs. Cooker)
- **National Engineering Week Updates** (Tuesday, Feb. 20th - Friday, Feb. 23rd)
 - Garver, Dottie Rose Foundation, Jacobs
 - Looking forward to opportunities to provide professional development (STEM curriculum with Dottie Rose Foundation).
- **Food Drive** - "Share the Love" Canned Drive
 - Date around Valentine's Day
 - Project Host

Instructional

- **Professional Development for Teachers**
 - Focus for the year is Mathematics
 - Problem Solving Training
- **New Science Standards for 4th Grade**
 - This year, will be a field test for Science
 - School Report will shift points from Science to student achievement and growth

Questions: How to use VR / AI in elementary school? Vision of school to be on the cutting edge. How to make our students successful with VR and AI?

3. Public Comments

Family Engagement

School events have a good turn out . How to increase family engagement?

Family Newsletter, fliers right before the event, Social Media (FB), Email to only PTA members

Communication

Engagement - Posting big posters in the car line

Events - Library, Spring Carnival, Field Day

Suggestions: Have someone welcome parents at certain events. Make a welcoming and engaging presence to families

Have students performing or doing
Tie another event to invite family members

Thursday Lunch Coverage and Room Parent Training

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Summary

To enhance family engagement in school events, it is essential to implement a comprehensive strategy. Start by establishing a regular family newsletter to keep parents informed about upcoming events, achievements, and updates. Distribute event flyers just before the occasion and utilize social media platforms, particularly Facebook, to create event pages and share updates. Targeted emails to PTA members can further boost attendance. Ensure clear and accessible communication overall. Utilize large posters in high-traffic areas, like the car line, to visually promote events. Offer a diverse range of activities, from library sessions to spring carnivals and field days.

Establish a welcoming committee to greet parents and create an inviting atmosphere. Incorporate student performances to showcase talents and make events more engaging. Connect events to encourage attendance at multiple activities. Schedule events at convenient times, such as Thursday lunch coverages, and provide room parent training for effective communication. By combining these strategies, schools can foster a strong sense of community and increase family participation in various school activities.

4. Adjourn

Next SIC meeting, Thursday, February 22, 2024