

Parent and Community Engagement Committee
Meeting Minutes
August 31, 2010

Present: Ginny Gleason, Elizabeth Windover, Ginger Blair, Carrie Thomas, Mike Urso, Kathy Whaley, Judy Gustafson, Debbie Kelly, Dr. Ron Bobay, Erica McLaren, LaChrista Jones, Laura Collins, Paula Ferrell (for Janean Knight), Sherry Arflin, Sky Beard, Janice Kershaw, Richard Meyers, Bob Spinner, Patricia Williams, Dawn Hamilton, Laura Collins and Tracey Moxley

Absent: Michelle Kelley, Cynthia Harris, Deborah Blair, Jeffrey Schiff, Laene Keith and Fr Demetri Tsigas

Ginny Gleason reviewed the committee's mission and goals. The committee will conduct meetings and also break into focus groups and then present a plan to Dr. Binggeli by April 2011. Tracey Moxley presented the committee Sharepoint site to the group. On this site, articles, minutes, comments can be uploaded to the site so the entire group can view them. Should non-school board employees have information they would like uploaded to the Sharepoint site they are to send it Ginny Gleason to post. It was suggested we link this to our parent involvement website.

Ms. Gleason reviewed the committee's goals and explained that there will be 3 focus groups: community, parent and business. She would like these groups to meet at least two times before the holidays and then come back together in January to finalize their specific plans. In February the entire committee will regroup and develop a group plan to present to the superintendent in April 2011.

Ms. Gleason reviewed some of the engagement articles she provided to the committee. She explained that quality parent engagement is worth \$1000 towards a child's education. She reinforced the idea that parents need to be connected to their child's education. Parents need to have opportunities to assist their student and their student's school. She explained there are parent involvement grants as a way to assist with funding.

The committee discussed ways to get businesses on board to help get their parents involved. A suggestion was made to send the volunteer portal link to major corporations to encourage volunteer time among their employees. Additional ideas and suggestions were discussed such as paying employees to volunteer which is something Wal-Mart does for their employees.

The committee broke into focus groups and began planning their next steps.