Pittsburgh Morrow PreK-8
2022 - 2023 Parent and Community Title I Involvement Policy

The staff at Pittsburgh Morrow Prek-8 believes in the importance of parent and community engagement in providing our children with the best possible environment in which to learn. Parents and community members assist in the development of all of our students as they progress form year to year. We encourage volunteering by paying for clearances and making the necessary forms available at various school events. We will maintain open lines of communication with all stakeholders.

Parents will be given direct input into the planning, review, and improvement of this policy at the annual meeting and throughout the year as needed. Parents will be presented a draft of this policy at our September PSCC/Title I meeting. We will solicit your feedback and develop the policy together. The annual meeting will be the first meeting of the year, to be held in September, at which parents will be informed of the requirements of the program, how it affects the school and their children, and their right to be involved. Parent meetings and parent/teacher conferences will be scheduled at various times of the day throughout the year in an effort to be most accommodating to parents.

Parents are expected to sign yearly compacts, attend parent-teacher conferences, and maintain on-going communication with teachers. Teachers are expected to communicate regularly with parents through progress reports, interim reports, report cards, letters home, phone calls, e-mail, text, Talking Points, and conferences.

The school will continue to provide parents with opportunities to better learn the curriculum and understand the assessments, which measure student proficiency. We will report on, discuss proficiency levels, and ensure that expectations are clear about our expectation of growing every child. We will use Title 1 funds to pay for childcare and refreshments during meetings, so you can attend a meeting after work. If you have suggestions for presentation topics or for the overall improvement of the school, we will be responsive and involve you in the process. As stipulated in our September Title I meeting, parents are invited and encouraged to become a member of the school team to create our school-wide comprehensive plan.

We will fill the parent representative to the district’s Parent Advisory Council by soliciting a parent volunteer to fulfill this role. The attendee will report to the group at each month’s PSCC/Title 1 meeting. Morrow is a school-wide Title I school.

The school will continue to educate teachers and other staff, with the assistance of parents, in the value of contributions of parents and families. Teachers are provided training on parent engagement strategies during the month of August, 2022 at beginning of the year professional development.

Information related to school and parent programs, family nights, and other events will be shared with parents via paper reminders sent home to families, the blackboard connect call system, Talking Points, and calendars posted on our school website.
The following are parent and community activities that are planned for the 2022-2023 school year:

COMMUNICATION
Parent Conference Days
Monthly Student Calendars
Robo-Calls
Phone Logs maintained by staff
Talking Points Texting App
Regularly Updated website
Notes and letters sent home regularly (electronically)
Facebook
Peach Jar Flyers

PARENT AND COMMUNITY NIGHTS
Back to School Event (virtual)
Open House (Spring – may be virtual)
Family Fun Nights (may be virtual)

SPECIAL EVENTS (may take place virtually or be postponed depending on COVID)
Take a Father to School Day (Dudes and Donuts)
Annual Field Day
Field Trips
Volunteers in the classroom
Holiday Celebrations
Author Visits
RIF book giveaways
Instrumental and Chorus Programs
Plant a Tree Event

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