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TITLE I

PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT POLICY

2023-24 School Year

Revised November 28, 2023

Parent and Family Engagement Policy Development Information

- This school's Parent and Family Engagement Policy was discussed with parents at the annual Title I meeting held on September 20, 2023. At the meeting, this policy, legal requirements, and the parents' rights to be involved were explained. A copy of this policy and a copy of the legal requirements were reviewed in person with parents at this meeting. Parents who were unable to attend the meeting can review the policy at the school or request a copy to be mailed. Parents were able to provide input on the policy during the month of September. The policy was revised based on parent recommendations and distributed to all families.

- At the annual Title I meeting, parents are also informed of the different local and state assessments their child will take throughout the school year. Data from informal assessments will be utilized to plan individualized learning opportunities.

Regular Parent and Family Engagement Meetings

- The school meets with any interested parent or community member monthly throughout the year. Parents receive a monthly calendar that indicates meeting dates and times as well as Blackboard Robo-calls. However, parents have access to the principal during the school day if needed.

- Parents were involved in the development of this policy, the School-Parent Compact, and the school improvement plan. Parents were invited to the annual Title I meeting to review and provide input on the policy.

- Parents are encouraged to offer suggestions to engage parents in school events and training.

- Parents will provide feedback to the school through the yearly district parent survey, other school surveys, and/or at the end of each parent and family engagement activity to help the school improve our offerings.

- Parents will be informed of programs available through the parental engagement policy and under Title I law. Parents will also be involved in the planning, review, and improvement of the school's Title I program.

- PTO and the school will support each other with school-wide events and the administration is always accessible during those events.

- Parents will be involved in the development of the school improvement plan. School improvement planning is discussed throughout the year at parent meetings. Parents have an opportunity to review and provide input into school improvement goals. Staff members will share with parents and community members how the school is progressing towards meeting their school improvement goals throughout the year.

- Mrs. Williamson, FACE Coordinator, will serve as a parent/school liaison. She will work with parents to schedule meetings as requested by parents to formulate suggestions and plan activities that meet the needs of parents and families

Parent and Family Engagement Title I Budget

- The school will provide parents and community members with regular updates on how the school is utilizing Title I funds. Parents can request to see how Title I funds are being spent. Parents have input at monthly meetings to discuss parent and family engagement expenditures.

Informing Parents of Academic Standards

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- The following curricula are used at Pittsburgh Allegheny K-5 School: Open Court, Go Math, and Carolina Science. The school has added Classroom Diagnostic Test (CDT) testing for students in grades 3-5.

- The school will offer a virtual training on January 17th from 5:30 to 6:30 PM to inform parents of their understanding of the state standards and local assessments. The school will also provide an in-person academics training on December 13th from 10-11 AM to help parents improve their children's achievement. This will allow parents to review the curriculum. Grade-level teachers will send home monthly newsletters to parents informing them of what their students are learning in reading and math.

Informing Parents of Academic Progress

- Weekly academic and behavioral reports from the child's teachers.
- Parents will be informed of their child's progress via report cards, interim reports, student-monitoring tools with data from assessments, and results from district and state tests.
- Parents will also be able to make an appointment to review their child's individual data folder or diagnostic testing information. Parents can also access their child's classroom progress by accessing the online Home Access Center. Parents are sent their login and password information.

School Communication with Parents

- The school will provide parents the opportunity to meet with teachers to discuss their child's progress throughout the year. Parent-teacher conferences will be scheduled on October 9th, 2023.
- The school sends home regular written communication to parents in their home language. The Blackboard phone system is also utilized to communicate important school information via phone with parents.
- Staff members have access to an interpreting service to communicate with parents. Parents can request an interpreter for parent meetings and family engagement activities. The school coordinates these requests with the ESL office. The school also has two staff members that can communicate with parents in Spanish.
- Parents will have the opportunity to volunteer, participate in their child's class, and observe classrooms in accordance with the district school visitor policy.
- The school coordinates regular communication with other schools and preschools in the region.
- The school will assist parents with the online magnet application and parent survey.

School Personnel Training

- The school will provide all staff members with training using the State Parent Advisory Council (SPAC) videos that focus on how to communicate and work with parents and family members as equal partners to build ties between parents and family members and the school. Parents will provide insight into the specially designed training that is offered to staff members.