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Pittsburgh Beechwood Pre K – 5  
Title I  
Parent and Family Engagement Policy 2023 – 2024  
(revised 9/20/2023)

Parent and Family Engagement is an important factor in a child's success in school. Pittsburgh Beechwood Pre K-5 supports a Parent and Family Engagement program that acknowledges and celebrates this relationship. This is done in the following ways:

#### Annual Title I Meeting Information

- An annual Title I meeting is held to inform parents of the Title I program. During this meeting, information is shared with parents about the school's curriculum, local and state assessments, state standards, and the parents' right to be involved. This year, the meeting occurred September 20, 2023.
- The school and parents will work jointly to develop the School-Parent Compact. This year, the meeting occurred on September 20, 2023.

#### Holding Regular Parent and Family Engagement Meetings

- The Beechwood Parent School Community Council meets monthly. The Title I meeting occurs as part of the first PSCC meeting of the year. Parents are invited and encouraged to review and improve the Parent and Family Engagement Policy at this meeting.
- The school invites the PSCC members to plan, review, and make suggestions for Beechwood's Title I program, as well as the Schoolwide Program Plan during each of the monthly meetings.
- At various times throughout the year, parents are invited to events designed to provide information, materials, and training on helping to improve their children's achievement.
- All PSCC meetings, and other school functions, are open to any parent or community member who wishes to attend.
- Ms. Capo, Beechwood's FACE Coordinator, will serve as a parent/community/school liaison. She will work with parents and **school faculty/administration to schedule meetings and plan** activities that meet the needs of parents and families.
- Information sent out regarding meetings and events are translated into our families' home languages. Meeting Agendas are posted on the school website for those unable to attend.

#### Transparency in the Parent and Family Engagement Title I Budget

- Information is shared about the use of Title I funds for parent involvement activities and related expenses including:

transportation, childcare, or home visit expenses to enable parents to participate in school-related meetings and training sessions.

### **Informing Parents of Academic Standards**

- The following Curricula are used at Pittsburgh Beechwood Pre K-5:
  - Frog Street Pre-K
  - Open Court
  - GoMath
  - Carolina Science
- The school will offer a Math Night, a Literacy Night, and a STEAM Night so that parents have a better understanding of what their child(ren) are learning in their content areas.
- During conferences, parents receive information regarding how to understand the State's academic content standards, student achievement standards, local academic assessments, and how to monitor their child's progress.

### **Informing Parents of Academic Progress**

- Parents will be informed of their child's progress via report cards, interim reports, student monitoring tools with data from assessments, and results of district and state tests. Teachers are also expected to communicate regularly with families through letters home, phone calls, Talking Points, and conferences.
- Parent conferences are available at different times of day throughout the year so that all parents can have the opportunity to be involved.
- Teachers are available to assist parents in working to improve their student's academic performance.

### **School Communication with Parents**

- A Student handbook explaining the policies of the school is posted at the beginning of each school year, or given upon enrollment.
- A monthly calendar listing school activities goes home to all families. A school website and Facebook page provides up to the date information about events at our school.
- Minutes from the PSCC Meetings are posted after each meeting.
- All parent communications are translated into our families' home languages. Translators are also made available to our families.
- The front office staff greets each family and makes them feel welcome in the school.

### **School Personnel Training**

- Beechwood will provide all staff members training on how to communicate and work effectively with parents and family members. SPAC videos will be reviewed and discussed. Staff will also complete reflection forms. Parents and family members will be invited to participate in the training of staff.