

Family and Community Support Committee Affinity Diagram Results 12/10/07

Giving Back to the Community

1. Support the PTA's efforts for family nights out. Teachers/Staff wait tables, take orders, etc. like at McTeacher Night at McDonald's and check into Milton's for opportunities to do the work on those night.

2. Meals on Wheels/Interfaith Food Shuttle- perform service projects with students to assist elderly, etc.

Information Sharing

1. Offer student led parent-teacher conferences. (staff get training on how to)
2. Math Night- interactive time between students/parents/teachers
3. Arts Night – Showcase students' work.
4. Hispanic Resource Night- Jan-Feb 08 Maria Rosa Rangel will host a series of classes conducted in Spanish.
5. Bring Your Parent to School Day/Week – First (or another) week of school invite parents and significant others into the school for the whole day. Parents go to specials, lunch, recess, etc w/ their child. This gives them the idea of what goes on in their child's daily school life.

Recruiting Community Volunteers and Forming Associations

1. Lions Club- contact them and build a connection in order to have MEN involved w/ students.
2. Retirement Homes- have buses bring in seniors to read once a week or month to classes.

Volunteer Appreciation

1. Have a volunteer bulletin board where fish awards are posted.
2. Give volunteers awards for number of hours of service to encourage more parents/community members to give their time.
3. Greet volunteers with a sign in our school in their own language.
4. Have a PTA member be a Volunteer Greeter/Coordinator as a permanent volunteer opportunity in/near the front office.
5. Encourage teachers to be prepared for their volunteers w/ exact expectations of the jobs they are to perform.
6. Hold a spaghetti dinner for all parents/students hosted/cooked by the staff.
7. Have a hot dog snack time for volunteers.
8. Communicate with the current volunteers by making them feel they are welcome and they are part of the Lynn Road Family.
Have a Volunteer Day.

Recruiting and Retaining Parent Volunteers

- 1. Send more pleas for help in the newsletters.**
- 2. Ask staff members to find volunteers through their contacts.**
- 3. Send out a volunteer survey to find areas of skills the parents have to share.**
- 4. Advertise in Monday Folders for registered volunteers.**
- 5. Advertise weekly in classroom newsletters for specific jobs: one –on- one tutoring, help w/ incentive program, read to classes, chaperone field trips.**
- 6. Direct mail a separate flyer to recruit volunteers and multiple times/ multiple ways try to recruit them.**
- 7. Have a better form for families to fill out and use the same form for all classes on which interests and areas of skills and values are shared**
- 8. Hold a volunteer registration night or tea or brunch—a time when we sign them up.**
- 9. Register volunteers before/after school-take them to the computer and walk them through each step.**
- 10. Sign up volunteers while they are here for Bingo Night.**
- 11. Send home a monthly calendar at the first of each month with specific ways volunteers are needed on specific days that month (work in centers, one- on -one tutor, etc.)**
- 12. Ask parents to give teachers a certain number of volunteer hours (5 per month, for example). Give them all a goal to reach.**
- 13. Get on the local news and beg for volunteers....the community bulletin board?**