

## Family and Community Support Committee Key Processes and Action Steps 12/17/07

### **Building Community Connections**

1. Support the PTA's efforts for **Family Nights Out** by encouraging more of a visible presence by our staff in a variety of community businesses as fundraising projects.
2. Staff, Students and Families perform service projects to reach out to the community.
3. Begin and Continue the Feed the Bin Project/ Campus Grounds Clean Up Project and involve students, staff, families and community members.
4. Continue and Expand the Foster Granny Program through the Raleigh Parks and Recreation Department. (Elderly adults come to tutor, help in classrooms, etc.)

### **Increasing Family Participation in Education**

1. By 2011 all classrooms will be involved in at least four curriculum nights per year. This will start in the fall of 2008.
2. A guest speaker will instruct the staff on how to have student-led parent conferences and then that information will be shared with the families at Lynn Road, Fall 2008.
3. In October of every year until 2011, Lynn Road will have a bring your parent to school day so families can have an understanding of what goes on in the daily life at school.

(items 2 & 3 were not firmed up at the meeting...how does this sound?)

### **Recruit, Retain and Appreciate Volunteers.**

1. Form a Volunteer Committee.
2. Create a Volunteer Appreciation Program.

## **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?**