

Family Engagement Team Meeting 1/15/26

- I. Present: Cheryl Higgins, Jennifer Eckstrom, Keila Avila, Brooke Slossen, and Kenyon Richey
- II. Went over the Love of Learning and Love of Reading Week
 - a. Dates Love of Reading week March 2-6, 2026; Love of Learning March 5, 2026, 5-7pm
 - b. Ms. Avila agreed to make a Flyer for the Love of Learning night
 - c. Ms. Higgins to put out emails to teachers and staff for volunteers for the night including possible reading room, phonics room, or bookmark making room
 - d. Ms. Higgins will also talk to Principal about door decorations; she will take pictures of teachers with favorite books (idea to put pictures up in Cafeteria hallway).
 - e. Talked about parents coming to read and having teachers to set up schedule, Ms. Slossen will make Google calendar for parents coming to read. Also had an idea to have parents be able to record a video of them reading favorite book to view in class.
 - f. We also talked about briefly the idea of the news coming to read in classrooms
 - g. Review of who coming to Love of Learning night
 - i. Postal History
 - ii. Saguaro National Park
 - iii. Pima County Environmental Quality
 - iv. U of A physicists Inclusion and Equality
 - v. Neurological Bus
 - vi. AZ History Society (team agree them talk about Folklore and Animals)
 - vii. Library is still looking for volunteers to come
 - viii. Ms. Avila will follow up on TEP again
 - ix. Ms. Eckstrom will follow up with Multicultural Department
 - x. Ms. Eckstrom also had contact for and will follow up with U of A football team coming to read for Love of Reading Week (It is March Madness so Basketball would not be able to)
 - xi. Ms. Richey will follow up with Camp Cooper
 - xii. Ms. Higgins will contact Ms. Rachakonda about Gate contact that has been coming to her classroom to come to Love of Learning Night
 - h. Also talked about punch card and prizes and possible snacks for the night – it was encouraged to ask PTO for a grant – Science night was given \$500
 - i. Also talked about Punch Cards with prizes for lunch with Assistant Principal, prize cabinet, etc.
 - j. Talked about curriculum resource handout should include:
 - i. Pima County Library
 - ii. How to get into Clever
 - iii. How to look at iReady

- k. Decorations for the night for the school – Ms. Higgins will get Dollar Store decorations
 - l. Also talked about needing volunteers to be in the front office because need families to sign-in – Ms. Higgins will be one of these people
- III. Briefly talked about PTO Movie Night for 2/13/26 from 6-8pm and possibly student council doing fundraising of selling hot chocolate
- IV. Finally, we went over the results of Family Engagement Survey – there were 58 responses and most of the concerns were about communication; talked about trying to get focus group done by end of February – Arlene from Family Engagement could lead meeting and idea of Ms. Malkum coming to do note taking on flip chart.
 - a. Ideas and responses from team about concerns in survey
 - i. Social media needs to have more than one person with passwords. Ms. Slossen will get password for Facebook and Instagram from Kyle and post as well
 - ii. passwordsquare was a big concern in survey and parents do not know how to work it. We discussed some of the limitations and if could do regular email – but this is not likely.
 - iii. Combo classroom was a concern in Survey and the lack of communication to the families about this happening or the details around it
 - iv. Closed Campus concern and parents wanting to create more community – talked about coffee with Principle that used to happen when Krystal was the Community Liaison. Also talked about office hours for teachers as a possibly for parents to get more information about student academics and create more classroom engagement.
 - v. Another concern was parents not being informed of assessment, benchmarks and students standing. Along with report cards not having much information and often too late to fix things, and a need for a why to see grades and how students are doing throughout quarter
 - vi. Also talked about lack of communication from teachers – not all do Newsletters, not all use ClassDojo, not all send out emails. We talked about this needing to be something that needs to be site wide when we know about the status of Administration next year.
 - vii. Survey results sent to all team members
- V. Set up next meeting for February 5, 2026, from 3:15-4:15 in Room 12
- VI. Ms. Higgins will set up some meetings for volunteers and finalizations of Love of Learning night as well.