

Family Engagement Meeting Minutes for 10/16/25

Present: Brooke Slosson, Madhavi Rachakonda, Keila Avila, Jennifer Eckstrom, Cheryl Higgins

The meeting started talking about why Family Engagement is important and how to better engage families in the school. Some things that were talked about were posting to Class Dojo all school, social media, PTO talking to teachers on Wednesday PD day, sending Signup Genius to teachers and principal to send out for activities like the Fall Festival and other volunteer opportunities.

Ms. Higgins went over jacket giveaway and Ms. Avila will post on Class Dojo all school and Ms. Higgins will ensure it is posted on Facebook.

Ms. Higgins went over the Family Engagement Survey that is now active online. There are copies of flyers for in front office. Ms. Higgins will ensure that it gets posted on Facebook. Ms. Slosson had the idea of standing at Gate 1 and showing the families the flyer to have them filled out when they are dropping off their children.

We talked about Lineweaver Science Night and how to help Ms. Rachakonda and discussed following tasks:

- Ms. Rachakonda to make a flyer for the Science Night to be held November 20th at 5pm
- Ms. Rachakonda will be available Monday, October 20, 2025, after school to help teachers
- We talked about the concerns over not all classes doing the science projects and how to get more buy in from the teachers to complete them with students
- Ms. Rachakonda also talked about personalizing the SARSEF paperwork for Lineweaver to post it to Class Dojo all school
- Ms. Higgins will be sure to get copies of new handout and Flyer to all teachers, and she will post things on social media
- Ms. Avila will post flyers to all school Class Dojo

We discussed needing a curriculum night for the school for next semester. Teachers stated not doing a Love of Learning night because doing the Science Night instead and will have many of the same classroom activities as the Love of Learning night. Ms. Higgins informed team that to be compliant with engagement guidelines, the school will have to have a curriculum event in the second semester as well. Discussion of options followed:

- Possibility of having Love of Reading Night sometimes March 2-6, 2026
- Ms. Eckstrom discussed that they also have a PTO fundraiser for Love of Reading with reading logs. It was discussed that this was very confusing in past for teachers and the need to have better clarity and better buy in from school.
- Some ideas for Love of Reading night were parents reading in classrooms, Dr. Trujilo reading in cafeteria, asking UofA football team to read, a phonics room, bookmark making room
- For the next meeting, group will bring ideas for the Love of Reading night

We also discussed more clarity for the Day of Dead Altar and Ms. Eckstrom suggested Ms. Slosson reach out to Nicole Ramirez with Cultural Relevant program to get better guidance and information about how to do the altar.

We discussed the next meetings and the need to have another meeting this quarter because we missed the first quarter. Ms. Slosson sent out calendar invitations for the next meetings including meetings for next Semester.