

Collier Elementary School
3900 N. Bear Canyon Road
Tucson, Arizona 85749

Family Engagement Team Meeting
Tuesday, March 29, 2022
4:00pm

1. Call to Order

4:20pm

Members Present: Jenny Osborne, Elias Kotzambasis, Lisa Langford, Monika Nay, Cynthia Busby, Ida Melen, Julie Widick, Julieta Diaz

2. Approve January 2022 Meeting Minutes

Motion to accept: M.Nay

Second: J. Widick

Motion Passes

3. Focus Group Report and Planning

Focus group report given (see notes attached below) and discussion over things that have been implemented already and plans for what is being worked on for next year. The PTA will be supporting implementing some of the items.

4. Events Scheduled:

Literacy Night

The Collier staff will meet to plan this event for a Tuesday evening in April or May

5. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn meeting: M. Nay

Second: J. Widick

Meeting adjourned 4:50pm

Next Meeting August 2022, TBA

Family Engagement Focus Group

March 1, 2022

Notes

Questions based on Family Engagement Survey Results

1. How can Collier support you and your child(ren) feeling welcomed in our school community?

- Doors being locked make it feel like we are not welcomed in, it would be nice to have the ability to enter the school and come into the office instead of waiting outside the front doors during the school day
Due to Covid restrictions lifted, polices have been adjusted to allow visitors and volunteers during school.
- Gates opened on weekend for weekend playground use for families and neighborhood like a public park
This is not a possibility due to TUSD policy
- Parents do not know each other, it would be nice to have parent meet and great coffees or get together on campus before, during, or after the school day (quarterly)
Plans for next year are in the works
- Keeping the facilities up to date and kept up nicely so that the school looks welcoming and inviting
- Room parents through the PTA to help organize events and activities, contact parents, a school directory so parents can contact each other.
The PTA is working on this for next year
- Classroom newsletters from every grade not just primary
Implemented by staff
- Sign board in parking lot for upcoming events
Implemented

- Positive: Ida is kind in the office and very helpful in welcoming people especially new families!
- Positive: Collier is small and everyone knows the kids

2. What types of ways would you like to see our use of volunteers or opportunities to volunteer grow?

- Volunteer Menu sent home so people know what they can do to support the school
The menu was created and sent home to all families
- Room Parents
- Classroom based opportunities
- Specific asks are helpful so people know exactly what is needed

3. How can we better support and serve your child's academic progress at home?

- Tutoring!
Tutoring began on March 28th
- Hire support staff counselor, tutoring, learning support PE, Spanish, Music, Art.
In the works for next year
- Math support for parents for Eureka Math at home. Like having the videos sent home to support how to do math the new way
- Computers sent home for students to use for homework or to log into clever. Some families only have one device at home and students are having to share them for time to work on apps.
Staff will discuss for next year
- Support for what to do when your child is home sick? How to get work sent home, what to have them do to catch up.

4. What are your ideas for Collier to partner with the community to support Collier? (parent support or outside the school resources)

- Sports offered
- Partner with Bear Canyon Library Children's Librarian
- SARSEF Science Fair
- Sponsors
- Book it Programs

- Reach out to Middle and High School for performances and volunteers

5. Ways to recruit for enrollment in the neighborhood?

- Marketing on social media and great schools
- Small Caring Community
- Build programs to make us unique (Art, Music, Spanish, PE)
- Have students enter district or local contests