

Parent Involvement Committee Meeting Notes (December 18, 2008)

- In attendance:
 - Connie Cooley, Robbin Wall, Katie Creeger, Stephanie Tennyson, Kristen Molina, Deanna Mcgee, Paul Hakes, Mrs. Hakes, Juan Carlos Martinez, Maurice Walker, Rajah Hashem
- Overview of Objectives
 - Immediate: Create vision and parent survey
 - Short-Term: Meeting with parents
 - Long-Term: Parent Center
- Introduce Juan Carlos Martinez and Maurice Walker – they discussed their positions with administration and the strides they have made in parent involvement in Irving
- Possible ideas for spring:
 - Hospitality classes to have food nutrition education classes
 - Parent-student date night (at the movies/restaurant) **
 - Bring your parent to school day **
 - PACE online scavenger hunt to do at home with parents
 - Meet and Greet booth at Irving Mall (teachers in shifts)
 - English and Reading classes for parents
 - Having Lamar University interns man the career center
 - Parent-Take-the-TAKS Night at the school **
 - Having teachers and students act as translators for documents and events
 - Health Fair will be hosted in the spring
- After holiday break – make sure to check with Robbin Wall
 - Will have four desktop computers for parent center
- Ideas for reaching out
 - Ask parents or community members to help aid with translations or give feedback
 - Travel to different areas of Irving
 - Get discount or free passes from DART
- Vision
 - Increase student achievement through engaging partnerships between the school, parents, and the community
 - HOW:
 - Improve the communications through the parents, students, and teachers
 - Connect with the community
 - Increase the diversity of stakeholders
 - Have student buy-in for parent involvement
 - Gathering resources
 - Specialty nights – art show, culinary night, science night, math night, talent show
 - Food with light agenda
 - Awards at night? Canvas with parent survey
- End results (Way to measure completeness of goals)
 - Have 8 parents as members of PIC (two parents per grade level)
 - Get all stakeholders involved in diverse backgrounds
 - Students
 - Parents
 - Teachers
 - Administration
 - Staff
- Cool-Factor
 - Change the name as to not turn community away (**Community In Action**)
- Next Meeting – January 13th (Tuesday) at 5:00 pm

- Create parent survey
- Push survey onto computers via Darren and Michael
- Send out Teleparent message asking parents to send a question to their student's PACE teacher
- Elect officers from each class
- Bring in Student Council president