



Myers-Ganoung Elementary
Family Engagement Meeting
October 31, 2024, 3P.M.

Present: Ms. Stefanek, Mrs. Kiana Cox, Rivkah Selmon, Diana Pitney

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Diana Pitney, the facilitator for the meeting. All those present were recognized and welcomed.

What is Family Engagement?

Mrs. Pitney asked the question what Family Engagement meant to everyone present. Ms. Rivkah responded getting families involved in their school events and volunteering. To which Mrs. Pitney responded, yes, but we want parents involved with the education of their children, not only participating in events such as Stem Night, Literacy Night. We want parents to be involved with planning and become involved with helping their children learn.

The importance of Family engagement:

When parents become involved with their children's education and school the impact can be positive for all. The students and parents connect with each other and strengthen their relationships and promote better learning. Staff also connect with students and their parents forming strong relationships and partnerships in the students education, Communities' benefit from this in that students and their families can become productive citizens.

Dr. Joyce Epstein's Framework of Six Types of Family Involvement:

Everyone received a copy of Dr. Epstein's Framework of Six Types of Family Involvement and Family Engagement Guidelines. We reviewed each principle, and the points Dr. Epstein provided as to the importance of family engagement.

Mrs. Stefanek shared that when parents read to their children in their native language, or speak with them about their cultures, it can be a positive way of education for their children as well.

Ms. Rivkah suggested during our Literacy week, we could invite parents who speak a language other than English to come and read a book in their language, we all agreed that would be great.

We spoke about how we could involve our non-English speaking parents in PTO, Site Council, or Family Engagement, we could request interpreters for any that are interested.

Family Engagement Survey:

We discussed the Family Engagement Survey, it has been sent out to our families, we are having it placed on our website, and we will have it available at our Stem Night next month.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45pm, our next meeting will be on December 12, 2024, in room 25.

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Meeting adjourned with next meeting TBD.

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