



Myers-Ganoung Elementary
Family Engagement Meeting
October 14, 2025. 3P.M.

Present: Amy Busse, CSP, Kiana Cox, RIT, Rachel Alvord, OMA Teacher, Latina Morou, Counselor, Bruce Williams, Teacher, Scott Evans, Community member, Juanita Gomez, Parent, Tomasa Lopez, Parent, Dahabaya Arbab, Parent, Sakina Arbab, Parent, Tirsir Mohamed, Parent, Omsalama Elghali, Parent, Diana Pitney, CL.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Diana Pitney, all those present were recognized and welcomed.

Family Engagement:

Mrs. Pitney opened the meeting with why we are meeting today, to form a Family Engagement Team, and the importance of having a FE team for Myers-Ganoung. We need parents to come aboard and join staff to make this happen. As a team we will work together to make Family Engagement a success at our school.

Dr. Epstein's 6 Principles of Family Engagement:

As a group we went around the room and had individuals read the 6 principles, one at a time. After reading their assigned principle, each person shared what that looks like for them according to their understanding. What stood out for them?

Bruce Williams, Guest Speaker from Sabino High School:

Mr. Williams shared that he has been with TUSD since 1993 and has had held many positions in our district, but being a Community Liaison is his favorite. He shared the different strategies of what their team has done to get not only parents, but students involved in being engaged in their school events, as well as having parents volunteer, and ask important questions on how to help their children become good learners and achievers.

Mr. Williams also shared that their Family engagement team offers their support to all areas of the school even if they don't need it. It's important to make it known that extra support is available.

He shared, "Challenge students to not just follow the 4 B's but to have something like 'mustang pride'"

Scott Evans, new member of Community Investment Corp, Tucson:

These are some points that Mr. Scott shared:

- He goes into schools to help parents get prepared for kindergarten.
- Biggest problem – is getting parents into these meetings.
- Why are we here? We all share one thing in common and it's the kids.

- We can't control things, but you can control your level of involvement with your child's schooling.
- Time and money – the two biggest deterrents to doing things.
- If parents acknowledge the importance of schools, their students will too.
- Things parents can do
 - i Make sure your children get plenty of time to sleep
 - ii Read to them for 10 minutes – Parent raised a concern about this, she is frustrated with the expectation for parents to 'easily' support their students.

Parent Square:

Mrs. Pitney opened by asking parents if they were using Parent Square, or if they using it yet. None of the parents present were familiar with PS as of yet. Mrs. Pitney explained what PS is by going to our website on the Promethean board. She opened it up and showed them where to register, then offered to help anyone who needed help with registration to come see her and she would help them with it. She showed them how they could have it in their preferred language and read all the information available to them. Also, how they could receive texts or emails from our school through PS. The parents were pleased to hear about PS and want to receive it.

STEM Night:

Mrs. Pitney shared that STEM Night will be on November 13th at 5:00 – 6:30pm. She Explained what STEM stands for and how students are taught how we use Science, Technology, Engineering and Math daily in our lives. Parents will have the opportunity to visit students' classrooms and see what they've been learning and how they've applied these concepts into their learning. The parents were happy to hear this and said they look forward to attending, they also would like to know where they could help with STEM night. We let them know that we would contact them and see if they would like to attend a planning meeting.

The meeting adjourned with our next meeting planned for January 13, 2026,