



SINI sub-committee

**11/30/2011
3:00 PM to 4:00 PM
PPS Office**

**Meeting called by:
Janelle Yanni**

**Type of meeting: SINI
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Facilitator: Janelle

**Note taker: Veronica
Bedard**

Timekeeper: Janelle

**Attendees: Janelle,
Veronica, Melissa
Kussler, Alison
Santiago, Michael Foust,
Tracy Coffey, Kathy
Bisceglia, Daniele
Tetrault, Mary Alice
Hipwell and Marypat
Murtagh**

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Discuss Open House	Janelle	5
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Topic for next parent partnership meeting	All	20
Communication for next meeting	All	15
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Discussion: The committee believes that the Open House was run well, but there was not a very good turn out by parents. It was stated that it was the first time for this type of Open House and if we run this again it could be better. The process for the Open House was very streamlined, but only 6 parents attended. We are having a difficult time understanding where else communication can occur to get the word out. Maybe lack of desire to be involved is an issue that needs to be addressed. Discuss other ways to measure participation and involvement. Maybe start a blog, facebook page or forum. Janelle and Michael will talk with our communication person and Dr. Padalino about this idea. The committee reviewed brainstorming ideas for parent partnership topics from the June meeting. Perhaps these topics could be presented on a blog associated with the school's website. Thoughts were discussed about changing the name of our parent partnership to delineate from the other parent partnership committee within the high school. Everyone was sent away from the table thinking about names to use for the page. *****Mary Alice e-mailed that night with the name of The Chatter Box. Thanks Mary Alice.

Conclusions: This idea must be discussed with Craig Clark/Judy Frost (our communication specialists and with Dr. Padalino) for approval and help in getting this page up and going.

Action items: Janelle and Mike will meet 12/1 at 11:00 to discuss. Both Janelle and Mike already talked with Dr. Padalino regarding this idea right after the meeting.

Person responsible: Janelle and Mike

Deadline:12/1/2011

SQR Process

Janelle

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Discussion: School Quality Review – the junior high was cited for students with disabilities in the area of ELA. Megan Kumar completed a report on jr/ high sped classrooms and one regular ed. classroom with consultant services. The committee looked over the report to see what stood out to them. The first thing was the lack of involvement of TAs with the swd’s. The committee suggested training around this with teachers and TAs together to create some team building. Lack of use of accommodations was listed – the committee said this could be due to budgeting issues (ie. lack of colored folders). Staff not collecting data – what is considered “data collection”? Concerns with lack of differentiation. Discussion regarding roadblocks at jr. high level. Elementary teachers talked about centers that they use in the classrooms with the support of TAs and specialists. Wait time for responses was also discussed. We received a No for displaying positive behavior expectations outside classrooms, but it was noted that there are character ed. posters and other information posted throughout the hallways (especially jr. high wing). There were a lot of questions about the criteria by which the ratings are measured. Janelle said that she would be meeting with Dr. Caplan and Megan to go over report and observations to get a more thorough picture of what we can do as a school to improve in areas which need improvement. Principal Terri O’Brien also has a copy of the report to use with observations whited out so that teachers can do self evaluations for the areas listed.

Conclusions: We need more information for this report to be helpful.

Action items:

Janelle and Dr. Caplan will meet with Megan Kumar.

Person responsible:

Janelle

Deadline:

Must wait to see when Megan can meet.

Topic for next parent partnership meeting

All

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Discussion: We will be starting parent involvement through technology to see if we can increase parent involvement through this forum.

Conclusions: We must continue to try and increase parent involvement.

Action items:

Janelle and Mike will meet with necessary personnel to get this idea up and going.

Person responsible:

Janelle and Mike

Deadline:

12/1/2011

Communication for next meeting			All	15
Discussion: Discussed above.				
Conclusions:				
Action items:		Person responsible:	Deadline:	

Next steps			Janelle	5
Discussion: Our next SINI after school meeting will be Monday January 9 th . Janelle will send out reminders.				
Conclusions: Committee should continue to meet. Many great ideas are generated.				
Action items:		Person responsible:	Deadline:	
Janelle will send out reminders for next meeting and keep committee updated regarding this technology piece.		Janelle	Ongoing for technology. Reminders for meeting will be sent out by 1/6/2011.	

Other Information
