ISMS Family Engagement Committee (FEC) Notes

Monday, May 20th - 10 AM

Initial goal: simply to have a weekly meeting to discuss how to increase family engagement and involvement on our campus and to address the needs we all find most important.

Semester goals:
- 4 families attend Family Engagement Committee meetings
- 1 casual event organized by the FEC with good family participation (>19)
- 30 surveys
- Make summer flyer for CIS

Family Garden Party:
- Year End Event May 23rd 5-7 -- Meet in the garden for a family event where they could learn about the garden, the FEC, and play tabletop games.
  - Will need handouts
  - Need give-aways to encourage attendance
  - April to bring speakers + grill
  - Food plans: fruit platters, corn in a cup, pickles, homemade hot chips?

CIS Flyer
- What are all the details needed?
  - Mission/vision statement, summary of what we do, Remind contact, Travis contact, day/time info

What does meeting over the summer look like?
- Will continue to meet throughout the summer
- Considering trying other times throughout the school year; for ex. 2 mo. in the morning, 2 mo. afternoon, 2 mo. evening, 2 mo. late
- Need to market our program to elementary feeder schools

NOTE: we have no set expectations for committee members at this time -- we understand that people may be free one week and busy the next three weeks. You will not be assigned committee duties unless you are willing. Our main goal is to be intentional and consistent in our efforts.

Who regularly attends?
- Travis Cheatham- Family Support Specialist for ISMS; co-lead facilitator for the Family Engagement Committee
- Mayela Hernandez-Lora- CYD Parent Engagement Specialist for Communities in Schools (CIS); co-lead facilitator for the Family Engagement Committee
- Morgan Taylor; Site Coordinator- CIS
- Josh Caballero- Community Organizer- Grassroots Community Development Waco
- Joseph Alexander- Principal of ISMS
- April Strickland- parent volunteer who coordinates our garden! (Thank you!)
- Elizabeth Fabela- parent
- Parents can remain anonymous if they would like!
Previous ideas regarding a new goal/vision/mission statement:

- Our vision is for ISMS to be a welcoming environment and a safe place for Family, Students, and Staff so we can empower one another for a better future and a better school.
- Our goal is to help families and school staff connect in/on a positive, consistent, and intentional basis. We strive for everyone to feel safe and welcome regardless of prior personal experiences.
- Que los Estudiantes se sienta seguros en la escuela.