ISMS Family Engagement Committee (FEC) Agenda

Thursday, June 24\textsuperscript{th} - 10 AM

\textbf{Vision:} for ISMS to be a welcoming environment and a comfortable place for Family, Students, and Staff to empower one another for a better future and a better school.

\textbf{Goal:} to help families and school staff connect on a positive, consistent, and intentional basis. We strive for everyone to feel safe and welcome regardless of prior personal experiences.

\textbf{Survey Follow-Up Phone Calls}
- Still have several to follow up with
- Added all emails and text reminders for people who requested it

\textbf{Alta Vista Partnership with Grassroots}
- Josh & Travis briefly discussed with Mr. Alexander
- Core group was 5 teachers, the Family Support Specialist, 3 parents
- At Alta Vista the 3 Core Strategies were:
  - Linking to Learning
  - Welcoming Experience
    - Anticipating families – clear signage, greeters etc.
    - Family handbooks, orientations, tours
  - Communication
    - Grade or content specific newsletters
    - Student-led conferences
- Will involve staff and family trainings
- Other discussion points
  - Have food, translators, and childcare for meetings
- Tips from Liz Ligawa (the FSS at Alta Vista)
  - Family Resource Center- have open when school is open, have a bulletin board, have a celebration for the opening of the space
  - Consider a suggestion box
  - Redo slides for the entry TV
  - Grandparents week
  - Find best communication tools like Bloomz, Class Dojo, Seesaw
  - Parent ID station
- Discuss what information would be most useful for parents at registration

\textbf{Summer Goals}
- July or early August event for incoming 6th
- Still consider:
  - Garden harvest day either in the morning or around 5:30
  - Water activity day
  - Potluck meal (with a caveat that people still can come if they can’t bring something)
  - Staff party – introduce staff to the committee and encourage involvement

\textbf{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!