MEETING NOTES

Parents & Community

Robinson Park

January 31, 2013

6:00-8:00 pm

All Children Are Ready to Enter School

No Notes

Students Succeed Academically

- Students keep a homework log to help balance work and after school activities
- Create a website that parents can use to check assignments
- Encourage teachers to use Socratic method of teaching
- Bring more high school and college students to PUSD to mentor(ing). Students can show what they are working on to inspire, ex. Spark Truck
- Bring nonprofits into school so students are involved in groups and generate a positive experience, ex. Soccer Without Borders
- Fun Activities to promote interaction between students and community groups. Souper Bowl – collect cans for food bank
- Partnership between private and public schools. For tutoring and sharing resources. Adopt a "sister school."

Students are Actively Involved in Learning and the Community

- Homework help is a great focus area. This has been somewhat challenging. What's great is how open to suggestions the after school staff are.
- I would definitely appreciate a before school program. I am a working mom.

- I would love to see the after school recreational opportunities for my children and the whole family being held at school. It would allow us as a family to recreate before starting evening routine. It's also critical for my little ones to get enough physical activities. They are required to sit still for so long and concentrate and need physical outlet after school
- Full summer programs would really help support working families. I struggle every summer to find and afford care for my 3 children.
- Provide incentive/rewards for students who are actively involved in learning and the community. Such as meeting a local role model:
    - Baseball player
    - Music director
    - Local politician
- Improve communication and accessibility within schools, administration, teacher, staff and parents by providing master calendar, updating website page to best provide for the students support

Students are Healthy, Physically, Socially and Emotionally Engaged

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- Learn to love vegetables—cooking electives in classroom, healthier alternatives in vending machine, e.g. apple chips
- More education—films (disgusting & shocking) about smoking, obesity, health
- Local professionals (doctors) talking to kids
- Kids participating with making school lunches/meals to increase accountability for what goes into meals/taking care of peers' well-being
- Older students volunteering with reading or community garden work with younger kids emphasizing health
- Lower evidence of student obesity
    - post nutrition info in school cafeteria
    - Walk/ride bike to school
- Promote social interaction

Students Live and Learn in Stable and Supportive Environments

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No Notes

Families are involved in Children's Education

- State of the art resources
- Meaningful volunteer opportunities for parents
- Organization—don't waste parents' time
- 2 way consistent communication
- All Family Sports Day
- Art reception/display area
- Parent visiting day (parents actually come to class with students)
- Make it easier to volunteer
- Class Garden
- Harvest food from garden

Communities are Desirable Places to Live

No notes