

Call to order

A meeting of the Family Engagement and Community Advisory Committee of the Inman Middle School Go Team was held at Inman Middle School on November 2, 2018.

Attendees

Attendees included Alison Amoroso, chairperson, Frederic Bien, Anna Coan, Amy Jordan, and Jean Russell.

Members not in attendance

Members not in attendance included Dr. Maxwell, but he greeted the committee.

Approval of minutes

This was the first meeting of the committee, so there are no minutes to approve.

Approval of minutes

Agenda was reviewed and approved.

Reports

- Discussed what engagement means in this context: Parenting, communications, volunteering, learning at home, decision making, collaborating with the community
- Work to spread the good work that the school is doing.
- Alison distributed APS Go Team budget overview information and Insight Data cards. Data is supposed to be used by the Go Team to formulate the priorities, school budget and activities.
- Alison discussed framework of the committee, goals, APS budget for activities
 - Discussed having a subcommittee to work on Howard Transition.
 - **Action:** recommend this to the Go Team
 - Discussed some communication/family engagement challenges that brought participants to this committee
 - Communication good for 5th to 6th transition, but no communication after that.

- Discussed limited opportunities for math tracks
- Communicate to parents because students don't always take news home.
- Discussed addressing communication problems now, someone could volunteer now, it's in the committee's purview.
- Reviewed answers from survey.
 - Small sample size, not all groups represented.
 - perhaps confusion based on multiple surveys going out at the same time.

Unfinished business

Not applicable

New business

Discussed survey and committee:

- Action items needed for representation for the committee; need to look for representatives from teachers/admin for committee
- How to engage Spanish speaking population?
- Frederic is interested in getting fathers more involved in school, this could be a good conduit
- For next meeting, make firm decision on what survey will include.

Member roles and next steps for the committee

- Jean & Frederic - will work on ways to get more parents to complete survey
- Amy - will work on ways to get more community members to complete survey, find community member(s) to join committee
- Anna - will work on ways to get more teachers/admin to complete survey, get teachers/admin to join committee
- Alison - check with Johns Hopkins and APS for Spanish translation, Amy to check with someone as well, get survey link back on GO Team site.
- Frederic and Jean will work on Parent Engagement
- Next meeting
 - Of the data we do have from the survey, decide what is actionable
 - What does "Howard Transition" mean?

- Meet next Friday at 8:45 am

Secretary

Date of approval