

# Westside Family and Community Engagement - 2023-2024

## Section 1

School –Westside Elementary School

School Facilitator - Jessica Shirley

Principal-Kyle Hunt

Asst. Principal-Marsha Green

Parent-Samantha Cypert-PTO Representative

Other Parents -Elise Collier, Jennifer Keenan, Jen Ruhl

Grandparents - Debbie Bell

This plan is jointly developed by school staff and parents in order to facilitate parent engagement in all aspects of the school environment. Meetings are held monthly throughout the year and this plan specifically is reviewed at the May PTO meeting.

## Section 2

List various communication strategies used in your school to provide additional information to parents and to increase parent and family engagement in supporting classroom instruction.

Facebook (Apptegy), School Status, Digital sign outside, weekly classroom newsletters, Facebook-School Wide calendar, monthly newsletter from the district

## Section 3

Teachers received two hours of training in ways to improve parent involvement during the Summer of 2023. Teachers are also trained to use School Status to provide open two way communication with parents. Parent Teacher conferences are also offered at various times and via various means (face to face and virtual meeting) to allow all parents to engage at a time and a way that suits them best.

## Section 4

During Open House, parent teacher conferences, and any other time parents are on campus, teachers go over curriculum expectations, recent assessment data, and how their child is expected and/or is progressing. Areas of success are highlighted as well as areas of needed improvement. In regards to the areas of needed improvement, teachers will provide activities for the parents to do with the child at home in order to bolster their performance.

List other strategies that you would like to see your school implement to increase parent and family engagement.

\*Monthly update newsletter specific to campus (hard copy)

\*Color Run scheduled for Fall 2023

\*One Book, One School

\*Include campus wide events on PTO page (provide PTO with guidelines for posting)

List parent meetings, conferences, and activities regularly held during each school year.

PTO Volunteer meeting, Watch Dog Dads, Parent Teacher Conferences, Music concerts, Box Car Derby (K), Muffins for Military (Nov), STEM Days (all grades), Grandparents Lunch, Field Day, 3rd Grade Honor's Assembly

How does your school provide resources for parents?

\*We have a stand inside the front door with information

\*Teacher provides as needed on an individual teacher basis

\*Website links

\*Parent Resource Center (items for checkout) (Brainstorm ways to publicize this more)

How could your school improve the resources for parents and disseminate that information?

Enlarge the Parent Resource Center (items for checkout); monthly parent resource newsletter

## Section 5

PTO meetings are held monthly year round. At the beginning of each school year, a large recruiting effort is made to encourage all parents to become a part of the PTO. Meetings are held both in person and virtually. Meeting times also vary to meet the needs of the parents who are working. At each meeting upcoming events are discussed as well as events parents would like to see added to our calendar. Following the meeting, PTO pushes out information through their Facebook page as well as paper copies home as applicable.

List other ways to meet with parents that your school could implement.

Town hall meetings and short surveys throughout the year