**PIGGOTT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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**School Year 2015-2016**

**District: Piggott**

**School Improvement Status: Needs Improvement**

**Grade Levels: K–6th**

**Parent Involvement Coordinator: Mona Scott**

**Parent Involvement Committee Members:**

**Ellen Meadows, Parent Involvement Facilitator**

**Mona Scott, Parent Involvement Coordinator**

**Sherry Taylor, Federal Programs Coordinator**

**Leean Mann, Elementary Principal**

**Paula Benbrook, Parent/Community Member**

**Anthony Johnson, Parent**

**Regina Gossett, Parent**

**Stacy Blake, Parent**

**Diana Vanderkooi, Parent**

**1. List various communication strategies used in your school to provide additional information to parents and to increase parental involvement in supporting classroom instruction.**

* School-wide evaluation & survey forms are sent out yearly.
* School -reach.
* Local newspaper.
* Parent/Student compact form.
* The school handbook hard copy and the handbook is also posted on the school website.

**2. List the proposed parent meeting, conferences and activities regularly throughout this year and the dates providing flexible meeting times that you have planned to increase parental involvement and build staff and parent capacity to engage in these types of efforts. (Must include the 2 state mandated parent/teacher conferences each year.)**

* Parent/Teacher conference October 20 & 22.
* Health, Safety & Science Expo is held in March.
* 3rd Grade reading night where parents can come in and read with the kids.

**3. How will your school provide information to parents about volunteer opportunities (must include state mandated parent training)?**

Information is sent home in the parent’s packet that lists activities that they can assist with or serve in.  This lets them know about the volunteer opportunities that are available at our school.  This includes the following possibilities:

* Serving on a parent-teacher organization
* Fall Festival.
* Red Ribbon week.
* Grandparents Day.
* Reading to students.
* Working in the public library or at book fairs.

**4. How will your school work with parents to create a School-Parent-Compact?**

An invitation was extended to all parents to become active members in our Parent/Teacher Partnership Program. Parents were requested to fill out survey forms and return them to their children's teachers. These individuals assisted in classrooms in numerous ways. Surveys and results are on file with the federal clerk. Hours were logged and monitored by the federal clerk and the principal. Parents were active and instrumental in helping with their children's educational plan.

**5. How will your school provide opportunities for parents to be involved in the development, implementation and evaluation of the school wide school improvement plan, and the Annual Title I Meeting to engage them in the decision-making processes regarding the school's Title I, Part A Program?**

The school holds meetings that are open to all interested individuals for input in developing this plan. Our school will provide to parents:

* Timely information about our Title I program.
* School performance profiles and their children's individual assessment results, including interpretations of these results through parent-teacher conferences.
* A description and explanation of tests used to measure student progress and proficiency levels that our students are expected to meet. The Iowa test of Basic Skills and ACT Aspire tests are given to all students annually. The scores are used to determine each child's proficiency and progress. Report cards are issued every nine weeks regarding day-to-day progress in the classroom.
* Opportunities to formulate suggestions, share experiences with other parents, and participate in decisions related to the education of children.
* Timely response to suggestions made by parents.

**6. How will your school provide resources for parents?**

To promote and support responsible parenting, the school shall continue the operation of the Parent Center to welcome parents to our school. Parenting information and learning materials are available for check-out.

* Recognize parents who have attended all parent-center conferences.
* Schedule evening activities to encourage parental involvement.
* Provide volunteer opportunities and publish a volunteer resource book for staff members.
* Require teachers and administrators to complete professional development hours designed to enhance understanding of effective parental involvement strategies.

**7. How will your school engage parents in the evaluation of your parental involvement efforts?**

The school will engage parents in the evaluation of the parental involvement efforts through an annual evaluation using a comprehensive needs assessment filled out by teachers, parents and school staff. The committee is made up of teachers, parents and school staff, they will determine the effectiveness of the plan and make changes if warranted.

**8. How will your school use the parent interest surveys to select a plan and implement parental involvement activities that will be offered throughout the year?**

Through committee meetings held twice yearly to inform parents how to be involved in the decisions affecting their children.

**9. When will your school plan the Annual Title I Meeting that must be conducted separately? (It CANNOT be held in conjunction with any other meetings or activities.)**

An annual Public School Meeting is held at the beginning of the school year.