

Fall Parent Advisory Council Meeting

16 September 2019

Clarksville Junior High Media Center

5:00 PM

Each building parent and family engagement facilitator invited parents to join the council. Invited parents, administration, teachers, and one student attended.

Christel Thompson, district coordinator, welcomed the group and reviewed the roles of the council as well as thanked all for attending.

Paul Dean, federal programs coordinator, explained funding and expenses of parent and family engagement as well as all Title programs. He asked for questions and comments. Two parents asked clarifying questions.

Christel Thompson showed parents how to access all Title I and parent resources on the district website and showed the new Engagement Matters Toolkit for families, students, and educators. www.csdar.org and <https://sites.google.com/view/engagementmattersar>

Then the large group broke into building groups to discuss building and district parent and family engagement policies, offer suggestions/ask questions, and discuss needs or suggested improvements to the building and/or district. The following suggestions and comments were given in the reports out:

- Food service application needs to be available online.
- Send out alert now phone message for reminding parents to fill out food service application forms.
- Connect drop-off driveways that are located in front of CES and the side of CMS allowing parents to avoid traffic on Clark Road.
- Questions as to reason for shuttling students to the game center for practice instead of using the CMS gym—This will be referred to the AD.
- One parent asked district to consider a superintendent advisory council appointed by the superintendent.
- Celebration comments about the new high school
- Questions about the seating in the high school cafeteria—new tables are ordered, and more students are eating in the cafeteria. Students now have five choices for lunch and are enjoying the communal space for fellowship.
- Each principal 2-12 gave updates on the re-organization of buildings and positive start to the new school year.
- Primary school reported more engagement through social media and Tuck in Thursday reading program

The meeting adjourned at 5:50PM

