

Iowa 21st Century Community Learning Centers Family Engagement Committee *Meeting Agenda*

January 25, 2023

*Join Zoom Meeting*

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**COMMITTEE MISSION:** This committee focuses on strategies for family engagement, including identifying and sharing of best practices.

**2022-2023 COMMITTEE GOALS:**

* Social/Emotional Support. How to best support families going through trauma.
* Communicate to parents in a more personal manner the facts that out-of-school time program is designed to

be safe, interactive, meeting their needs as a student and as a family.

* Ideas for engaging families virtually and in-in person a fun and interactive way.
* Revisit and edit or update the Family Engagement Guide to include an expectation section on what the committee can do for you, what is expected of you, and immediate guidance and support.

**ROSTER**

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| NAME | SITE/SCHOOL | MARK FOR ATTENDANCE |
| Amy Joens | DMPS |  |
| Billy Stone | Oakridge Neighborhood Services |  |
| Dema Abussaf | Des Moines Public Schools |  |
| Claudia Gonzalez | DMPS |  |
| Christine Carlson | Storm Lake CSD |  |
| John Spinks | Oakridge Neighborhood |  |
| Fiona Top | Burlington CSD |  |
| Kaitlin Schmidt | St. Mark Youth Enrichment |  |
| Linda Phillips | Des Moines Public Schools |  |
| Megan Kruse | Council Bluff CSD |  |
| Hillary Huebner | Clinton |  |
| Patty Schmidt | Easton Valley/Andrew |  |
| Tricia Anderson | North Fayette |  |
| Madisen Gaskin | DMPS, Windsor Elementary |  |

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| Stephanie Stulken | Kids on Course/Cedar Rapids |  |
| Vic Jaras | Iowa Department of Education |  |
| Heidi Brown | IAA |  |
| Kelz Schmidt | St. Mark Youth Enrichment |  |
| Megan Bogdan | YouthPort |  |

**AGENDA ITEMS**

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| **Agenda Item** | **Notes** |
| Review Family Engagement Guide | Create a one pager to inform parents of student activities in the program and improvements made by student participation. An overview of the Family Engagement Committee. |
| Family Engagement Ideas, Tips, Suggestions | Vic suggests providing families with meals during family engagement nights.  Christine shared that her program has had great engagement on nights where parents are invited to cook a snack or meal at site. Cooking supplies are provided by the program. She also shared that a parent in the program is a paramedic who taught instructional first AID. Other family night ideas she shared were Donuts for Dads & Graham crackers with granny. |
| Recent successes/stories/highlights and obstacles/barriers to success | Kelz from Dubuque shared that her program had great success with a Welcome Night in the fall. Families were invited to stop in and familiarize themselves and their students with the layout of the school and program staff. The feedback was positive from students and parents. Next fall they plan to provide families with meals.  Christine shared a trauma toolkit for educators with the group, on page 25 of the toolkit there is information and resources for families. She shared a program success is hosting family engagement on the same nights her school host family nights. She reaches out to local resources in the community to attend and engage with parents.  John Spinks shared an update on Edmunds Elementary and HyVee. The program Kids in the Kitchen started on Tuesday with a capacity of 50 students, programming provided by Adult Education and a dance class by Greater Dance. |
| Summer Programming | John Spinks would like to begin summer conversation. Share partners and resources. |
| Summer Youth Employment | John shared that last year they were awarded funding to provide summer internships. Over 100 applicants applied, there was enough funding to provide 70 youth with internships, 59 of which completed the program start to finish. This opportunity will be available again this year. Students ages 14-21 are encouraged to apply.  Vic shared with the group that 21st century can pay for lifeguard training to high school students participating in the 21CCLC program.  DMPS has a direct connection with Parks and Rec for paid lifeguard training. |
| Other/Open Agenda/Updates |  |

**WORK PLAN**

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| **Deadline** | **Activity** | **Who’s Responsible** | **Outcome Expected** | **Notes for Implementation** |
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**NEXT MEETING DATE: March 29. 2023**

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