



Early Learning Task Force

Session #6

March 16, 2023

4:00-5:30 p.m.

Members

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Welcome

Ashley opened with an “Activator” discussion regarding early learning investment.

Shared out – Interest based as well as strength based in play

Session 5: Outcomes and Big Ideas

The task force members reviewed the big ideas from emerged during Session 5 (see slides in presentation) and added the following to the list of ideas and discussion points.

Family Engagement

- Family climate surveys that ask families for input
- Open House night, or afternoon, before the start of the school year
- Fall/Spring showcase nights and inform the community they are invited

Continuity and Pathways

- Class lists for next year have input from both teachers and admin together, so all understand the dynamics of students/teacher/families
- Family nights by chunked grade level to share w/parents changes & challenges & highlights for each grade
- Supporting teachers in listening to & honoring the info of previous year’s teacher

- TK-3: show and tell for each grade level, thru peer observation or videos - showing what different aspects of the day look like across grade levels
- Scope & sequence for play based learning TK-3 what does “play” look like
- Age appropriate natural playgrounds that are inclusive and accessible
- Explore dual language early learning magnet classes
- For incoming K’s new to the school, class visit in spring before K year as “Guest student” w/current K class
- Utilize aspects of WaKIDS and TSGold for family connections and reporting
- Support teachers and provide training related to family reports in TS Gold for reporting
- Vertical team meetings – subject meeting
- Looping with students (same teacher over a two year period) for continuity of learning
- Pilot a 3-year looping class (same teacher with students TK, K, and 1)
- Project based learning themes across grades
- Learning celebrations
- Roll up meetings for each grade level, increase the value in & time for this
- A data system to that support sharing information on students efficiently and informatively

Early Recommendations (see presentation)

Trina, Kellie and Ashley shared early recommendations coming out of the work of the task force. (see presentation) An update was shared with the school board at their most recent meeting showing the process the task force is going through and some early recommendations and accompanying budget implications to be keeping in mind during budgeting for next year.

Teacher & Administrator Effectiveness

This sessions focus was on Teacher Effectiveness and Administrator Effectiveness, related to P-2 early learning work. The task force members generated ideas around teacher and administrator supports, knowledge, and skills that will help actualize the other buckets that have been focused on the previous sessions. Ideas, aligned to the P-3 framework, were generated and will be shared out at the next session.

Next Meeting- Cross Sector Work

March 30 at 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. at Mountain View Conference Center, Board Room.