

Board of Education

Linkage Meeting with ELL Families

05/12/2015 @ 6:00PM

- **Can you share some things that you are pleased with in terms of the education we are providing? How about things you like to see improved?**

Spanish

- Middle School involvement is important
- Teachers are losing homework
- Moms are watching kids do homework but teachers are not recording assignments
- Teachers are rude-called a kid “dumb”
- Student not doing well
- Sent a note to teacher in Spanish no response
- Student being marked tardy or absent, when student is there
- Don't like split schedule
- Teachers are not effective in helping students succeed, not failing them or blaming other teachers

Russian

- Appreciates programs for sports and music
- Some teachers do very well with ELL students
- Has a gifted student with no opportunities outside the classroom to learn or earn credit
- For religious reasons, some families do not have internet or computers
- Families fall through the cracks due to poor communication

Hmong (Laos)

- 5th grade student is doing well
- Large class is too large-not effective for students in a large classroom
- Need a 27J interpreter

- **What services have you found to be helpful from your school in meeting your student's needs? What services may be missing?**

Spanish

- Very happy with Middle School (Vikan)
- Teachers use curse words in the classroom. Makes some students uncomfortable
- Very difficult to be involved with the students education when both parents work and don't speak the same language
- Need better communication between teachers and parents about student progress

Russian

- Communication is a problem-no extra activities or encouragement for GT kids
- Not great communication from the school to families that don't communicate well
- Need extra curriculum for students that are smart

Hmong (Laos)

- Infinite Campus is good
- Computer translation is "literal" so doesn't always make sense
- Love the phone app for Infinite Campus-easy to navigate
- Must have interpreter at Parent Teacher Conferences

- **What is the best way to communicate to your family about your student's academic progress and school events?**

Spanish

- Text or emails-automated by phone, phone works best
- Infinite Campus
- Phone for all communication because of no internet

Russian

- Russian parents do not use computers-obviously read English
- Have communication in mail not emails

Hmong (Laos)

- Anyways to improve communication
- Good communication from the high school

- **If there is one thing you would like the members of the school board to hear, remember, and share with our schools in regards to English Language Learners in our schools and school district, what would that be?**

Spanish

- How to help-strategies to help learn
- Teachers at school need help with sending notes to non-english parents
- Maybe administration should identify the parents
- Vikan does both languages
- Embedding our culture at the school
- Parent involvement
- Poor communication

Russian

- Make parents feel welcome
- Teachers are always busy a little too busy
- Parents need to be evaluated for level of spoken language
- Need home school information at the school if a parent pulls their child out, need to know what is involved with home school

Hmong (Laos)

- Enjoy Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Translation in future be human generated

- **Do you find your student's school to be friendly and helpful? If so, why? If not, why and how can we improve?**

Spanish

- Sometime days great than other days-attitudes or the vibe is I can't help you now
- Have to be patient and try to work with people
- Body language can send a message before a word is spoken
- Kids in 3 different schools sometimes I get a vibe that don't waste my time
- North elementary is good all are good
- Left waiting when asked a question

Russian

- Elementary emerge pretty well
- 5 months received an award for English improvement
- Middle School was hard-teenager changed
- No connection with teachers
- Communication issues
- Too many stress/needed better education in math, science, English-literature
- Bullied influenced different things
- Slow education
- Good teachers
- More communication with parents/teachers
- Grew up in district
- Share child's problem with teachers
- Good students
- Not all families have access to infinite campus
- Letters home for communication

Hmong (Laos)

- School communication finds to be helpful and gets use what they need
- Email, phone, personal letter is great
- Teachers are fantastic
- Attendance communication is good
- All staff is liked-PVHS, PVMS, and West Ridge

• **What would you tell your new neighbors with children about your school and the school district?**

Spanish

- The schools are good better than Thornton and Denver
- To be careful to go to my school because of fights-every week which is a problem
- Video about someone getting slapped and then text after. Principal needs to be more aware, teachers are aware that Vikan is starting to get a bad name because of the cyber things going on
- Parents would like to be informed what is going on good or bad so they can get involved
- Language in the hallways and teachers are not doing anything about it
- The behavior of the students is dissolving
- Students should be able to communicate with teachers when issues happen
- Expulsion at Vikan for drugs
- Students wearing “gang colors” at school

Russian

- Left waiting when asked a question
- PVHS having difficulties in feeding students
- Extended schedules
- Students fined
- More welcoming environment needed
- Longer parent/teacher conferences for parents that need translation

Hmong (Laos)

- Good schools/teachers
- Came from Westminster less competitive
- Homework style is a good system
- Not a big culture to discuss by living
- Structure is appreciated
- Consist homework
- Very fluent-on top of things
- Translation not always right on the website-communication was poorly translated