

Lincoln Academy

School Accountability Committee (SAC) Report

May, 2017

2017 DAC/SAC Jeffersonian-Style Gathering

- This was the annual Jeffco DAC/SAC spring training meeting on Tuesday, April 18th.
- Jeffco has adopted the [National Standards for Family-School Partnerships](#), a program developed by the national PTA.
- On the Colorado TELL Survey in 2009, 2011, 2013, and 2015, the teaching condition with the strongest connection to high student achievement and growth across all school levels was *community support and involvement*.
- The goal of the evening was “to make connections, build relationships, and find what has worked in our communities.”
- Important/interesting things learned:
 - The Lincoln Academy community, with its excellent PTO and parent involvement, is doing an outstanding job at engaging families.
 - To engage families who are difficult to reach, we must focus on those groups/types of families, change how/what we do, and be persistent.
 - Relationships with students leads to relationships with parents.
 - Have students teach parents
 - Conduct student-led conferences (students introduce teachers and present their own work to parents)
 - Make attendance at a school meeting (PTO, Board, SAC, etc.) mandatory for new parents in order to kick-start involvement.
 - One school changed the name of their SAC to “PIG” (Parent Involvement Group) and experienced a large increase in attendance. Feedback indicated that parents were intimidated by the words “Accountability” and “Committee”.
 - How do we measure the success of our community engagement and if it is improving student performance?
 - Through “the stories”
 - Survey results
 - Think 3 years out – what do you want for your school? Then think backward to what you want to see each year.
 - How do we engage with the broader community?
 - Invite community organizations to school events
 - Examples: NREL employees read to students weekly, Kiwanis club roasts hot dogs for students at school

New Family Mentor Program (Formerly Known as the Parent Partner Program)

- Soliciting volunteers
- Gathering new family contact information in order to make contact
- New Family Welcome scheduled for Wednesday, August 9th.

Next SAC Meeting

TBA (fall)