

Lincoln Academy

School Accountability Committee (SAC) Report

September, 2016

Parent Partner Program

As reported by program lead, Dave Owens:

The Parent Partner Program initially received about 95 new students (some from the same families). We had 14 initial volunteers with 2 more joining near the end of the summer. There were about 3 families that were reported as unable to be contacted by the volunteers. At the New Family Welcome Night, 9 families reported that they would like to be contacted by a volunteer. Of those 9, we already had correct contact information for 3. The other 6 were not on the original contact list.

What went well:

- A lot of volunteers said they felt that they were appreciated by at least some of the people they contacted and did feel fulfilled by doing the work.
- A lot of questions were answered, with only a few making it back to the school.
- The PTO was awesome at providing dates, input, volunteers, and help with the program.
- There was a large turnout for the New Family Welcome Night.
- Some volunteers reported bonding with their new families.
- I did not ask the volunteers or new families for feedback or specifics, so I don't have any specific success stories.

What could be improved:

- I think it would be good to start the process sooner so we can get volunteers and information out before the summer starts. Thanks to Kristi for ping me to get it going. I wish I had started 3 weeks sooner.
- I would like the volunteers to be able to invite the new families to Lakeside.
- It takes a long time to get the word out to existing families that we need volunteers, so I had to start ping people I knew directly and asking the PTO for a list of known good volunteers. However, once the email asking for volunteers went out, I got a lot more.
- It took a while to get all the dates and times figured out so I could put them all together in the contact email. This includes things like the first day of school, new family welcome night (day, place, times for each grade). I think part of this could be handled by starting the process sooner.
- I did not ask the volunteers or new families for feedback.
- It would be great if I knew more about what to expect from me/the volunteers for New Family Welcome Night.
- I did a much better job of documenting everything that needs to be done, but it's not complete yet.
- It would be good to get an updated contact list from the school when they return to work at the end of the summer.

Strategic Plan

Other than the Parent Survey, the SAC would like Board input.

- School dashboard?
- Dress code?

Next Meeting

- Lincoln Academy SAC – Tuesday, September 27, 2016, 6:30 pm

- Jeffco District Accountability Committee (DAC) Fall Update:
Wednesday, September 28, 2016, 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the 5th floor Ed Center Board Room (1829 Denver West Dr., Building 27, Golden). All school leaders and SAC Chairs as well as PTA/PTO Presidents are strongly encouraged to attend this meeting.

The Fall Update will provide:

- News on the State of Jeffco Schools, provided by Superintendent Dan McMinimee and his leadership team
- Opportunities to learn more on School Finance, School Accountability & Continuous Improvement Planning
- Supports for Building Stronger Family-School Partnerships
- A facilitated discussion for Articulation Area SAC Chairs to share ideas and plans for the year ahead