Small Group Brainstorm Activity and Multivoting Process

In their table groups, participants were asked to divide chart paper into 2 columns, A and B. Participants had 5 minutes to generate as many ideas in column A for ways campuses chosen for closure could honor the school's legacy. Participants were then given 5 minutes to brainstorm as many ideas in column B for ways we could welcome students and staff to their new campuses. Once the brainstorm was completed, each participant was given three dots they could place on their favorite 3 ideas. Below is the transcription from the brainstorm as well as pictures of the original posters with the dots to represent votes.

Group 1

Column A:

- Purchase "graduation" cards- school colors
- Use Rock Gym to display schools trophies, momentos, etc
- End of the year school party, invite former teachers, community members, students
- Showcase school history on social media

Column B:

- Incoming campuses, invite closing schools to events i.e. carnivals, dances
- School tours, send welcoming letters to incoming students
- Have a welcome sign for the closing schools "welcome leopards"
- Incorporate school's mascot into school shirt, banners, etc
- Incorporate school traditions
- Parent night, multiple times

Group 2

Column A:

- Community picnic gathering for past & present students/families/employees
- Senior walk for 9-12th graders this year
- Time capsule
- Transfer items of significance i.e. tree planted for veteran's day
- End of the year bash blow out
- Each students gets a memory item- photo/canvas/etc

Column B:

- Spring event for new families to come
- Student- led to show new kids around/tour school
- T-shirt that unifies the 2 mascots in some way
- Staff socials before end of the year

Group 3

Column A:

- End of the year celebration
- Inviting former students and staff
- Time capsule
- Mural
- Blending a part of the school into the new school

Column B:

- Joint spring carnival
- Exchange program to visit campuses * meet students
- Spring meet the teacher
- Bring receiving school staff to closing campuses

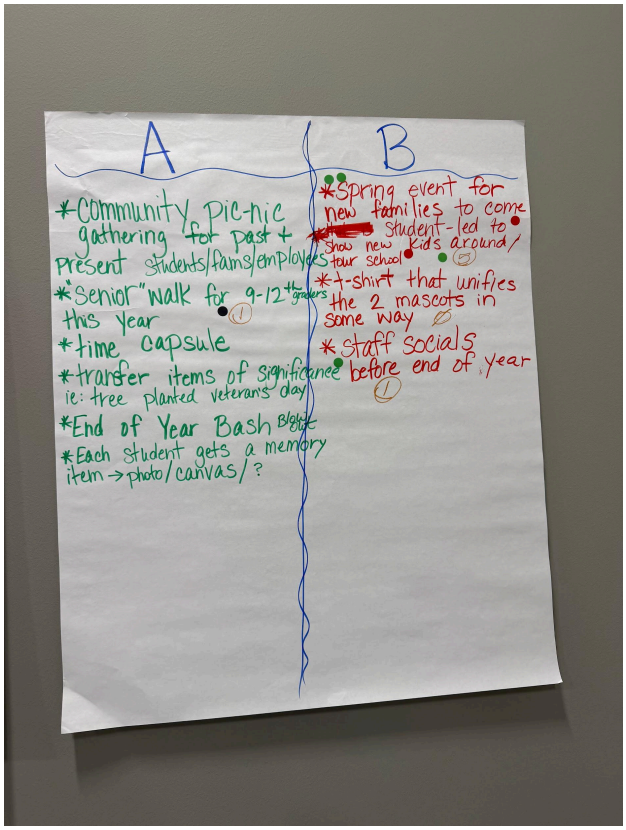
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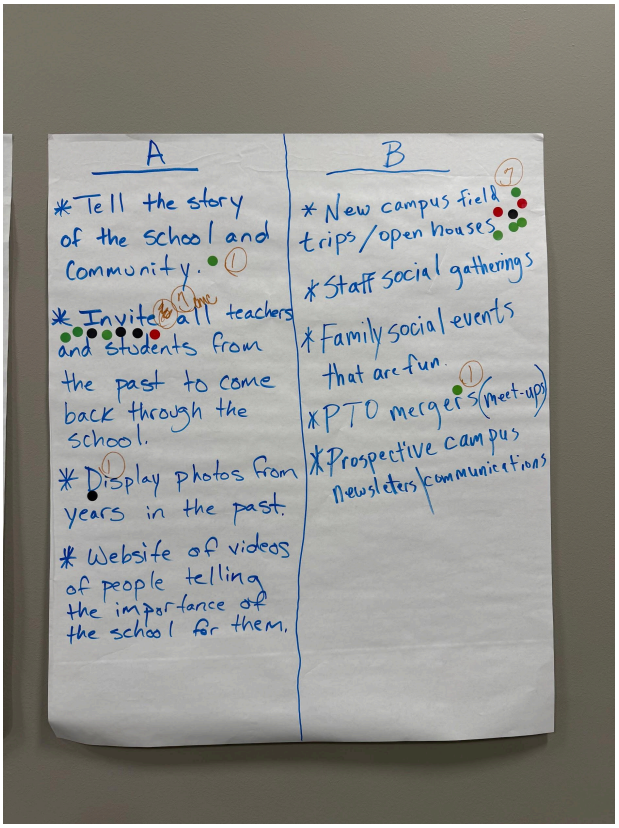
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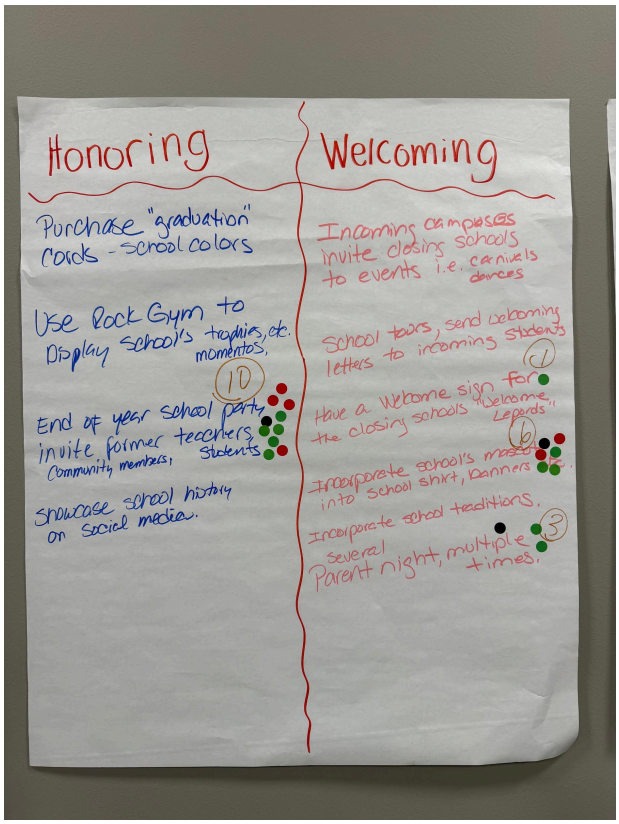
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- Invite all teachers & students from the past to come back through the school
- Display photos from years in the past
- Website of videos of people telling the importance of the school for them

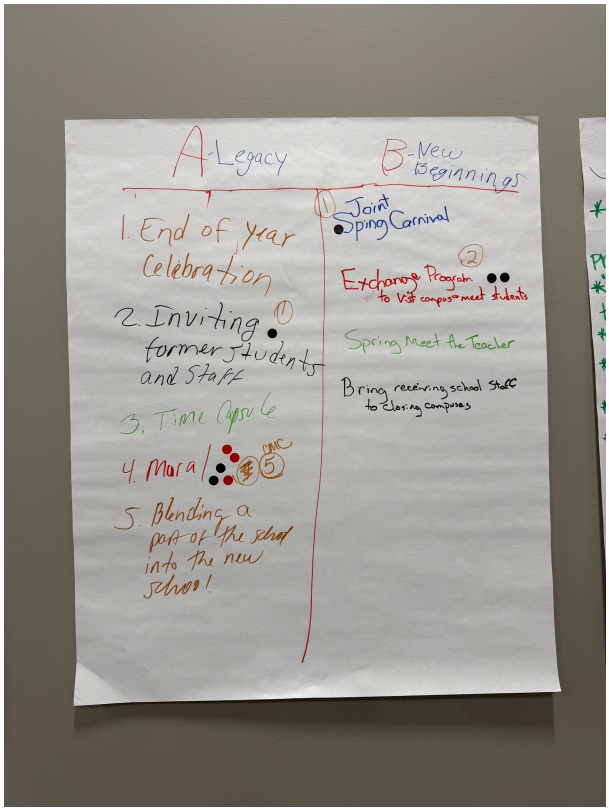
Column B:

- New campus field trips/open houses
- Staff social gatherings
- Family social events that are fun
- PTO mergers (meet-ups)
- Prospective campus newsletters/communications


A
B
*Community Pic-nic gathering for past + present students/fams/employees
*"Senior" walk for 9-12th graders this year
*time capsule
*transfer items of significance ie: tree planted veteran's day
*End of Year Bash
*Each student gets a memory item → photo/canvas/?
*Spring event for new families to come
*Student-led to show new kids around/tour school
*t-shirt that unifies the 2 mascots in some way
*staff socials before end of year


A
B
*Tell the story of the school and community.
*Invite all teachers and students from the past to come back through the school.
*Display photos from years in the past.
*Website of videos of people telling the importance of the school for them.
*New campus field trips/open houses
*staff social gatherings
*Family social events that are fun
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Honoring
Welcoming
Purchase "graduation" cords - school colors
Use Rock Gym to Display school's trophies, etc. mementos.
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showcase school history on social media.
Incoming campuses invite closing schools to events i.e. carnivals dances
School tours, send welcoming letters to incoming students
Have a welcome sign for the closing schools "Welcome, Legends"
Incorporate school's mascot into school shirt, banners
Incorporate school traditions. several Parent night, multiple times.


A-Legacy
B-New Beginnings
1. End of Year Celebration
2. Inviting former students and staff
3. Time Capsule
4. Mural
5. Blending a part of the school into the new school!
Joint Spring Carnival
Exchange Program to visit campus-meet students
Spring Meet the Teacher
Bring receiving school staff to closing campuses