

**PARKLANE ELEMENTARY SITE COUNCIL**

**December 12, 2013**

√ Karen Weinert, Principal, √ Julio Loza, Latino Family Engagement Coordinator, √ Lisa Meyers, Teacher, √ Lori Bigler, Teacher, √ Alex Stengel, Teacher, √ Brandy Slack, Parent, Sarai Rodriguez, SUN Community Schools, √ Tammy Moreno, Parent, √ Peggie Knodel, Parent √ Jenny Lucas, School Improvement Coach\* √ Candice Behm, Parent, √ Vickie Soli-Compton, Child Development Specialist, Sherrie Barger, State Leadership Coach

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TOPIC	DISCUSSION	CONCLUSION
<p>Common Core Parent Night</p> <p><i>Indicator FC3.4 School staff educate families and provide needed resources for supporting their children's learning.</i></p>	<p>Tammy Moreno and Jenny Lucas reported 12 parents were present at the recent CCSS parent informational night. Parents received information on the shifts of CCSS and what that means for instruction and what parents can do at home to support their children. Discussion followed of how this is a shift in critical thinking, asking questions, and problem solving.</p> <p>Possible next steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with parents who have students starting Kindergarten</li> <li>• Decision on how much and what to share at Latino parent night on CCSS</li> <li>• Giving families the tools for helping their children at home.</li> <li>• Similar message to give to parents this spring at conferences.</li> <li>• Show CCSS video at next Site Council; perhaps including in Game Night</li> <li>• Common Core Elementary presentations coordinated across the district</li> </ul>	<p>No specific English follow up meetings are scheduled at this time.</p> <p>For Latino Night the information will include a brief description of the shifts to more critical thinking, a sample of what a student might experience in the classroom, and an action step a parent can take at home to support these shifts.</p>
<p>Family Involvement</p> <p><i>Indicator: FC3.5 School staff ensure families have the opportunity for meaningful involvement.</i></p>	<p>What does “meaningful” mean to parents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engaging for children and parents</li> <li>• Child centered-performing or academic celebrations</li> <li>• Celebrating children's accomplishments</li> <li>• Informative</li> <li>• Food</li> </ul>	
<p>Family Involvement, cont.</p>	<p><b>Game Night:</b> Include information on CCSS. Perhaps the video playing with a chance to dialogue and ask questions.</p>	<p>Open House will have more formal presentations next year.</p>

	<p><b>Open House:</b> Discussion of having more formal presentations. Include picnic with presentations going on. Hand out “Do’s and Don’ts” of open house.</p> <p><b>Kindergarten Orientation: May 8</b> Includes CCCSS information.</p> <p><b>Volunteer Opportunities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Work at coordinating how we get volunteers in.</li><li>• Help for teachers on how to manage volunteers.</li><li>• Orientation for volunteers.</li><li>• Ideas: Playground supervision, rainy day recess, Game of the Week.</li><li>• We need a volunteer coordinator.</li></ul>	
	Our next meeting will be on February 20, 2014	Future agenda item: Effective homework policies