

Alignment Jackson Middle School Team Meeting
Blackburn Laboratory Middle School
Thursday, January 15, 2015

The meeting **commenced** at 11:09 a.m.

Welcome and Introductions

Committee Members Present: Monique Davis, Brandie Finley, Kamper Floyd, M. Fran Bridges, and Amy Burks-Berry

Guest: Ivory Gray and Kyle McDeal

Review Principles

Partners Update

The PARTNERS holiday bash went well but only four AJ committee members participated. The committee was also invited to speak with the PTA and about 200 parents showed up. We provided them with a three minute overview of AJ. The dates for the next PARTNERS meeting are included in the letter that was sent out to parents. As a group we need to figure out is what else needs to be done during this meeting. The students report cards will go home on Tuesday and we will have a meeting on the same day. We will also discuss the reality fair at Rowan Elementary School.

The next PARTNERS meeting is scheduled Tuesday, January 20, 2015 from 4pm-6pm. This date was chosen because the report cards will be distributed on Tuesday. All committee members are requested to attend this meeting.

Meeting Discussion

During our last event we spent a lot of money on food so, we need to figure out what we want to provide for parents. (Snacks, water, fruit, cheese, or sandwiches)

What other information is needed when talking about report cards and data. Last time, the meeting did not go exactly as planned this time we have blocked off more time for the meeting. Hopefully, the turnout will be larger than it was during the last meeting. Will it be helpful to meet all the parents in the library first and then go to the classroom? If the turnout is low everything can be done in one area.

Is there anything we can do differently to energize parents to come out? Is there anything that you can do?

Ideas for parent participation and PARTNERS meeting

- Homeroom 6th grade teachers poll students
- The class with the largest participation receives a pizza party
- No homework pass
- JSU basketball game tickets
- Student ideas: band performance, refreshments, and choir performance
- The meeting needs to be later going forward 6:00p.m.-8:00p.m. because many parents work evenings
- Look at data to find out what times are best for the students
- May be have different sessions so we don't have to keep starting over
- Do we want to bring Alice back in a more formal program?
- Bring the group together and we lead the icebreaker
- We can shift the format and become creative
- When going over the information it's still the teacher and the parent

6th Grade Parent Meeting Agenda

Greeter Table

Welcome and Introduction

I. Icebreaker

II. Monique- Parent activity learning styles/ Amber/Betty-Global data

III. Look at data

IV. Breakout sessions

Amy will have information for the 6th grade parents

Parents should leave the meeting with

- Information about learning styles
- Gift
- Information about their kids
- Activity
- All parents will receive a printed description of the Alignment Jackson process

Next Steps

- Parents receive the letter and will get a phone call from the school
- Homeroom teacher-pizza party and tickets to JSU basketball game
- Do we have time lines? Kamper will send the information out to Fran so they can get a map of where the 6th graders live in the community? We also need to ask Thea about this information
- Do all of the meetings have to be at the school? Will research and speak with Dr. Bradley but she is open to all of those things.
- Amy will provide dictionaries for all 6th graders- 187 students
- Gender specific meetings?
- Look for visual dictionary

Meeting adjourned: 12:20 pm

Next meeting: Thursday, February 26, 2015