

## Meeting Summary for Graham and Parks School Council Subcommittee on Family Engagement

Meeting Date: April 2, 2025

Meeting Time: 6:00-7:00pm (via zoom)

Meeting Attended By: Nasrin B., Anita H., Kris F., Arjun J., Roman, Wei X., Mapenzi, Kim B, Vivian P., Silvia, Robin H.

Meeting Goal: To collaboratively brainstorm a list of potential family engagement activities that can be implemented during the remainder of the school year, and to identify 1-2 feasible projects to move forward with as a committee.

### List of Potential Projects/Activities:

1. Healthy Screen Time Project: This would provide parents with strategies for balancing screen time
2. Family Connection Hub: Create a place for a consolidated list of resources that parents could access easily. Resources could be related to housing, food, social service, after school opportunities and so much more.
3. Graham & Parks Homework Policy and Guidelines (All Grades)!: Create a comprehensive document to be circulated to families that lists the expectations and guidelines for homework at every grade level. =
4. Student & Family Exchange Program between SEI and General Education: Create the infrastructure and network to support students and families that may be interested in being exchange partners or buddies. This could be individual students as well as whole families.
5. How Can Families Best Support Classroom Teachers: This project would survey and check in with teachers to see if there are things families can be doing to support them. The committee would work with room parents and G&P Family Liaison to find ways to meet the current needs teachers have that parents could fill.
6. Hold a Thank You Celebration at the end of the year to say thank you to the numerous parent volunteers that helped make the school special this year. This would include parents that volunteered for fieldtrips, helped at the Food Market, served on teams and committees, etc. (Special Note: The team thought this could possibly be sponsored by the school and not this committee)
7. Sponsor an event that showcased what various Graham and Parks families and students do during December or winter months that celebrates their wonderful cultures and customs.
8. Create a whole school contact booklet. The committee realizes that some grades and classrooms have limited lists of family and parent contacts by homeroom but, the goal

would be to create a whole school booklet while adhering to the district guidelines around sharing family information.

After a rigorous discussion the committee decided to move forward with suggestions #3 Homework Expectations and Guidelines by Grade Level, and # 8 Create a Whole School Contact Book. The committee also decided to look at what it might take to start an exchange program among families next year.

The Family Engagement Subcommittee will meet again on Tuesday, April 15th at 6:00p via zoom to start the work.