

## **Tobin Montessori School Council**

*1st School Council of 2025-2026*

*Friday, September 19th 2025*

*8AM-9AM*

### **Notes:**

- Caregivers were given a presentation on family engagement
- [School Council # 1 25-26](#)
- After the presentation, families were presented with questions on what family engagement should look like to them.
- They developed the notes below (which also became a Q&A)
- As caregivers we would prefer:
  - Explanations of classroom activities for caregivers to reference inside the newsletter
  - Paper forms of communications home. It is hard to search for old things in ParentSquare
  - With younger kids, include practical/helpful ways for families to extend//reinforce learning at home when available
  - Interested in learning about milestones that our students are needing to meet
  - Are kids on track with phonics and learning to read?
  - How can we get a classroom directory (families contact info) to caregivers so birthdays/play dates are easier to coordinate?
    - Sandra to work with some caregivers to develop a plan for this
    - Sandra explained that caregivers have to opt in
  - Families of 3 year olds want more face to face contact
    - Anecdote shared about dropping off at classrooms in old Tobin
  - Caregivers liked the logs that cubs corner what a student ate, how long they slept, etc. How can we extend that to other spaces in age appropriate ways?
  - There are different communication styles among different teachers. How can we make a template that makes it easier on teachers AND caregivers?
    - Neil explained that all homeroom classrooms are working on templates already
  - Anecdote shared about helpfulness of photos and videos sent home (specifically from Ms. Sumi's class)
- Question was asked about late busses and if students are able to get breakfast
  - Jaime explained that all students who are late are still able to get breakfast
- Question was asked about dismissal for siblings and if they can be dropped off in the same place
  - Jaime shared that teachers have been able to work that out to coordinate 1 drop off spot
- Question was asked about buses—are there any updates?

- Jaime shared the background issues that the families are currently facing have been shared in full to the transportation office.
- White Snowman specifically is experiencing a lot of trouble
  - Timetable for 1st Tobin stop at white snowman is 7:00. Earliest you've gotten picked up is 7:08, latest at 7:24