Title I Annual Parent Orientation Minutes

Thursday, September 15, 2016 - High School (9-12)

Tuesday, September 22, 2016 - Middle School (6-8)

* Parent Registration 5:30 to 6:00 p.m. Community Involvement Specialist-Martha Morales
* Welcome and Introductions Meeting opened by Principal, Carlos Alvarez at 6:00 p.m. Parents were welcomed to the 2016-2017 academic school year and were introduced to the Community Involvement Specialist, Mrs. Martha Morales.
* What is Title I ?

On January 8, 2002 President W. Bush signed into law a bipartisan education package that greatly expanded the federal role in public education. Building on the 1994 Improving America’s Schools Act, No Child Left Behind (NCLB) affected every state and public school district in the country beginning with the 2002-2003 school year. More than 90 percent of America’s school districts receive funding for more than 40 federal educational and supportive services programs covered by the Act. The wide range of services supports before-and-after-school programs, family literacy, parenting classes, library materials, technology services, educating migrant children, and safe and drug-free schools in the United States. Of the nine titles in the Act, Titles I and II are the largest programs, in terms of both requirements and funding. Title I is the largest federal assistance program for our nation’s schools. The goal of Title I is a higher quality of education for every child. The program serves millions of children in elementary and secondary schools each year.

* Resources available to Students and Parents of a Title I School.

Available resources are: The Parent Academy, Florida Parental Information and Resource Center (PIRC) and Community Involvement Specialist (CIS) for parental and community outreach, and a Paraprofessional for Pull-tutoring for lower performing students.

* Parent Involvement Plan

Principal Alvarez and parents discussed the 2016-2017 School’s Parent Involvement Plan (PIP). Parents were asked to list any questions or recommendations that they might have for the 2016-2017 plan.

Mr. Alvarez discussed the PIP and explained how Title I provides supplemental support. He stated that the school is provided with funds to pay for services and programs for both our students and parents. Examples included the funding of a Reading Coach to support the language arts department and the funding for a Community Involvement Specialist to support parental and community outreach. Mr. Alvarez also informed the parents of the purpose of the Educational Excellence School Advisory Council (EESAC) which works as a decision-making body in regards to allocation of funds for the school resources.

* Parent-School Compact

The Parent School Compact was explained, highlighting the significance that parental involvement can make in the education of students. Mr. Alvarez emphasized the importance of a team approach in which the school and parents work in unison to achieve rigor, high academic standards and a nurturing environment for all of our students. The school agreed to provide meetings at a flexible times, free after-school care, tutoring, parent-teacher conferences, quarterly student reports, parental activities and home visits for parents. Parents agreed to participate in school activities, communicate with the teacher about his/her child’s educational progress and needs, and monitor their child’s attendance in school, and attend the DAC and PAC meetings.

* Title I PAC/DAC Representatives

Mr. Alvarez, Principal, explained in detail what being a Title I DAC/PAC Representative involves, including the roles and responsibilities of being a representative. He then asked all parents in attendance to volunteer to be a representative for school year 2016-2017. The following parents volunteered: Barbara Lahera, Barbara Aleman and Kristy Fernandez. The new members accepted the role and responsibilities of being a representative. All in attendance were in agreement with the Title I DAC/PAC Representatives for 2016-2017. Additionally, all present received a copy of the DAC and PAC Calendar of Meetings for school year 2016-2017.

* Questions and Answers

Several parents asked for clarification on the Title 1 Parent Survey. Mr. Alvarez explained the purpose of the survey was to identify various ways that the school could assist parents on gaining targeted information regarding the Parent Academy classes, volunteering, tutorial services, and chaperoning. Mr. Alvarez requested that parents add any suggestions that they had for the school to the bottom of the survey.

* Classroom Visits

Principal Alvarez thanked the parents for coming and dismissed them by announcing that the teachers will provide information on grade level curriculum expectations, grade level proficiency, parental involvement in the classroom, and district and state testing.