

**Student Achievement Committee**  
**April 20, 2021**  
**Meeting Minutes**

Laura Errington  
John Kilcoyne  
Davis Podkulski  
Colleen Duggan  
Linda Dansa

Focus: Family Engagement

Linda provided an overview of the progress of the Mentor / Mentee pilot program. Letters have gone out for both potential mentors and mentees. Training sessions will take place the week of April 26th and the pilot program will begin the week of May 3rd.

Colleen then provided an overview of the work of the Social-Emotional Support Committee with the group. She referenced the family support center concept. Both Colleen and Linda spoke about the work of the committee for the present, the summer and the future (Fall).

Colleen then referenced the Strategic Plan, and Laura discussed the Family Engagement Strategic Intent. She noted the importance of getting the key values out into buildings. She referenced the concept of a “Grand Reopening” for the fall. Nicole Gugino will be contacted to consider how we can promote the values and mission statement and promote them in all six buildings.

Colleen spoke of the key values and suggested how we can potentially engage our families through events that align with each value. Laura stated that parents who are typically active in our Frontier community did not have the opportunity to be involved in the district this year in light of COVID.

Davis stated that use of the values and mission could be a positive start to the new year. Laura added that in promoting family engagement through school and district events, we will continually circle back to the Strategic Plan.

John suggested all Frontier students (Pre-K through Gr. 5) be Falcons as opposed to separate mascots (ex/ Bees, Clovers, etc.). Colleen stated that this would align with the vision in the Strategic Plan (*Where Falcons Take Flight!*). The group agreed that linking the vision to all Frontier students would promote an enhanced sense of community.

Davis referenced the importance of pulling in community members into our schools, including senior citizens. John added that our art teachers could also find a way to promote family and community engagement. Laura spoke of the importance of educating students, parents and community members on what we are about and what we are trying to instill in our students.

John stated that it would be great to have posters made up related to the key values and post them during the election. Colleen noted that when our in-person BOE meetings continue, we could promote the values and vision through inclusion of a new agenda piece.

Linda stated that in aligning our Student Achievement Committee agendas with the strategic plan intents, we have kept it alive. Laura suggested that it continue into next year.

Colleen and Linda will invite Nicole Gugino to our next meeting, and will also work with our art team and Southtown Teachers' Center to produce posters. John suggested linking the values to our district calendar.

Linda read through the action plans beneath the Family Engagement Strategic Intent. Davis stressed the importance of developing a district calendar that will offer coordination across our buildings.

Nicole Gugino will be invited to our next meeting. Linda and Colleen will look into posters that feature the Strategic Plan vision, mission, key values and beliefs.

The previously scheduled meeting for May 18th was rescheduled due to the Budget vote. The new meeting date will be Thursday, May 20th at 3:30.

**Next Meeting: Thursday, May 20, 2021  
3:30-4:30**