**Iowa 21st Century Community Learning Centers**

**Family Engagement Committee**

***Meeting Agenda***

May 20, 2020

10:00am

Join by phone:

1-515-604-9985, passcode 123766

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**COMMITTEE MISSION:** This committee focuses on strategies for family engagement, including identifying and sharing of best practices.

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**2019-2020 COMMITTEE GOALS:**

* Meet every other month.
* Share insights, successes, and resources with each other.
* Have 50% of your enrolled attendees’ families attend your engagement events.

**ROSTER**

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| NAME | SITE/SCHOOL | MARK FOR ATTENDANCE |
| Amy McDonough | St. Mark’s Youth Enrichment | X – calm\* |
| Barb Schmitz | Oelwein CSD | X – reset |
| Cassandra Wood | Cedar Rapids CSD |  |
| Chris Hoover | Maquoketa CSD |  |
| Christine Carlson | Storm Lake CSD | X – depressed |
| Clarissa Thompson | MICA |  |
| Jessica Apetiza | SHIP/Beyond the Bell | X – overwhelmed |
| Danielle Ruby | Des Moines Public Schools | X - positive |
| Diana DeAnda | SHIP/Beyond the Bell |  |
| Jaquanda Franklin | Neighborhood Centers of Johnson Co. |  |
| John Spinks | Oakridge Neighborhood | X – committed |
| Joni James | Burlington CSD | X – energized |
| Kate Stockstell | Hamburg CSD | X – uncertain |
| Linda Phillips | Des Moines Public Schools | X – connected |
| Marla Theisen | Andrew CSD |  |
| Megan Bogdan | YouthPort/Tanager Place – Cedar Rapids | X – unsure |
| Nikki Clausen | Council Bluffs CSD | X - time |
| Sam Graeve | Audubon CSD |  |
| Stephanie Shavers | Operation Threshold – Waterloo |  |
| Virginia Kurth | Allamakee CSD | X – limbo |
| Bobbie Jo Sherridan | DMPS | X - |
| Melissa Williams | DMPS | X – creative |
| Alyssa Gearhart | North Fayette | X – thankful |
| Vic Jaras | Iowa Department of Education | X - |
| Crystal Hall | IAA | X |
| Dema Abussaf | South Union | X - team |
| Chelsea Szczyrbak | BGCCV | X - growth |

**AGENDA ITEMS**

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| **Agenda Item** | **Notes** |
| Vic’s announcement | The Governor’s announcement scheduled for 11am tomorrow (5/21) will include information about summer programming and afterschool programming. |
| How sites are engaging families during this pandemic | Christine – called every child in the program. Over half of the numbers have been disconnected (60%). District is looking into tablets for next year but doesn’t solve the internet connection issues. The building’s restrictions (closed, need to make appointments to get it, restricted staff).  Barb- same problem. Families are letting their cell phone numbers lapse which also means losing their internet. Also around 60%  John – going door to door might help. Can you make a flier to pass out to businesses so families can see it and call you to check in?  Joni- Burlington has extended Wifi access from the buildings. Teamed up with a company to strategically place antennae, placed Wifi on a bus and parked it in designated areas. Their staff made a video that was posted as well to reach out to the kids.  Amy – Check in post cards to families with a “we miss you, stay strong” message. Staff are then reading and sharing on Facebook Live. SEL/Academic bags are passed out each week. The content and materials change weekly and include all items. These are passed out at meal sites and through Little Free Libraries (all CDC guidelines are being followed). Families are asking about these bags. Vic has agreed that the materials for these bags is an allowable expense under the grant.  Virginia – middle school only. Thinking about doing books. Breakfast and lunch are being served and accessed through drive by. Trying to decide how to get those materials to the middle schoolers. Has been doing Facebook activities which is how she’s connecting with families. Computer and material turn in happens next week which will eliminate this connection. The building is closed until July 1st. Brainstorming ideas included using the local library (once open), partnering with fire and police departments to pass out materials, all program supplies spent would need to focus on middle school kids as that is who the grant serves in this community. Vic suggested partnering with others to support the elementary and high school students.  Jessica – doing activity packets and partnering with food banks. Trying to reach all kids with groceries in May. The activity packets will include ways to get outside.  John – Providing meals, served 400 Chick Fil A sandwiches last Thursday. Meal program collaborative with Principal Financial is going great. Three days per week doing an Educational Wellness Check with families by knocking on doors. When able to do things in person, following guidance for numbers, cleaning, and masks. Putting together the application for summer programming. All partnerships have meant that families are getting food seven days per week. There is another partnership that is providing toiletries.  Megan – Unit Directors are delivering food, activities, and essentials to each family. These are being dropped at the door and there is a follow up phone call. The weeks are varied – not everyone is visited every week. There are 4-6 staff total involved. |
| Recent successes/stories/highlights and obstacles/barriers to success |  |
| Other/Open Agenda | Impact Conference is tentatively rescheduled for the month of October but we will need to determine the plan just in case of a fall flare-up. The backup would be to move to virtual. We are also looking into a partnership with ISACA – the Iowa School Aged Care Association which means the possibility of an expansion of audience and PD opportunities.  \*John reminded the group that we need to do some self-care as well. He ended the meeting by asking people to pick a word to describe how they were feeling about things. Those words are recorded above. |

**WORK PLAN**

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| **Deadline** | **Activity** | **Who’s Responsible** | **Outcome Expected** | **Notes for Implementation** |
| TBD | Establish Subcommittees for different types of engagement: elementary, middle school, and high school | TBD | Better engagement based on the unique needs of each of these groups. | Free to use the conference number. IAA/Crystal is also available for assisting with video conferencing if needed. |
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**NEXT MEETING DATE: May 20, 2020 at 10:00am.**

**ADJOURN**