



Developing Key Partnerships For Student Achievement

Programs & Practices Established through the

**Family & Community
Partnership Office**

Federal Way Public Schools

Department Objective: *'Help Parents Be More Informed, Prepared and Involved in Promoting Student Success*

From 2003-Present
The Family Partnership Office
Has Established 7 Key Partnership Programs
Based on
Recommendations Received
By
FWPS Family and Community Members

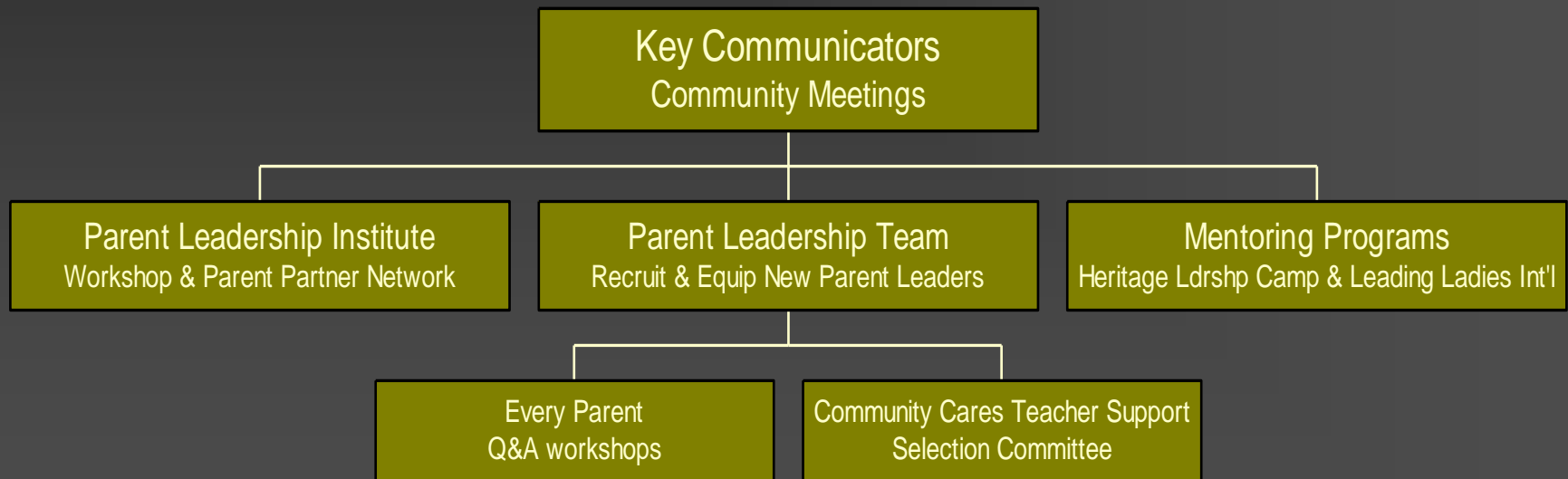
The programs continue due to the on-going support and leadership of the Superintendent, the School Board and highly engaged and involved family & community members.

Key Points For Sustaining Successful Family & Community Partnerships

- Know Your Community's Assets
- Include Parents/Community in Plans Early
- Make Partnership Events & Activities Meaningful
- Show Parent/Community How Their Input is Used
- Develop Leadership on Every Level

Programs & Practices: 'Organizational Chart'

Family & Community Partnership Office Programs & Practices



Program Description: 'Key Communicators'

<p><u>Key Communicator Community Meetings:</u> Quarterly meetings designed to help the department exchange information with family & community members. Meetings allow the FPO to monitor progress and make departmental improvements based on feedback and accountability with family, students and community partners</p>	<p><u>Audience:</u> FPO team members, district staff, students and members of the community</p>	<p><u>Time & Location:</u> October, January, April of every school year 6:30p.m. - 8:30p.m. District ESC Building</p>	<p><u>Objective Alignment:</u> Informs & Connects parents, students, staff and community members as respected partners and contributors in the success of all students</p>	<p><u>What Success Looks Like:</u> Input from parents and community members about their partnership experiences with their school and the district . Improvements and celebrations that translate into parents, students and staff members feeling more informed, prepared and connected to resources and processes that will lead to increased success levels for all students</p>
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Program Description: *'District Level Parent Leadership Team'*

District Parent Leadership Team:

Group of 7-10 parents working with the Family Partnership Office to help **inform, prepare and connect** parents to resources, contacts and activities that can help the district increase partnerships that can raise student achievement levels (new or expanded team each year)

Audience:

FWPS parents/guardians with an intentional effort to include parents that represent a cultural, grade level and geographical diversity reflective of the student population. Leadership team should represent parents with students in elementary, middle and high school from the North and South ends of the district, include Spanish speaking parents and parents whose children attend Title I schools

Times & Location:

Meetings and activities scheduled at times convenient for team members (not to exceed one meeting or activity per month)

Objectives Alignment:

Informs, Prepares & Connects parents as respected leaders, partners and contributors that can help the district meet objectives

What Success Would Look Like:

A yearly rotation of 7-10 new parents becoming more specifically equipped to help the district increase achievement levels for all students while helping the department expand the number of parents effectively **informed, prepared and connected** to promoting student success

Program Description: *'Every Parent Q&A Sessions'*

<p><u>Every Parent Q&A Sessions:</u> Informal meetings for parents led by parents designed to help families feel comfortable sharing their questions and concerns without being confined to a pre-determined district or school specified agenda</p>	<p><u>Audience:</u> FWPS Parents/guardians/ Community members</p>	<p><u>Times & Location:</u> Evenings in a variety of locations including; Boy's & Girls Club, schools, community centers, Apartment Cabanas, library</p>	<p><u>Objectives Alignment:</u> Informs, Prepares & Connects parents with concepts, and contacts that will help them support their students' success in school</p>	<p><u>*What Success Would Look Like:</u> Parents from the FPO leadership team facilitate meetings with parents interested in finding out how to help their children succeed in school. Parents develop greater levels of self-efficacy and feel more comfortable helping their students at home and school as their questions get answered in an informal setting</p>
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Program Description: 'The Advocacy Process Workshop'

<p><u>The Advocacy Process Workshops:</u> A three hour advocacy training workshop for parents connected to a parent partner network for on-going advocacy training & support</p>	<p><u>Audience:</u> FWPS parents, guardians/ Community members</p>	<p><u>Times & Location:</u> Three times per year 6:00p.m.-9:00p.m. in the evenings and in a variety of locations</p>	<p><u>Objectives Alignment:</u> Informs, Prepares & Connects parents with concepts, and contacts that will help them support their students' success in school</p>	<p><u>What Success Would Look Like:</u> Parents attend the three hour workshop then get connected with a parent partner or small group network. With the support of the network/partner parents will spend an additional nine hours getting experience-based support with parent/teacher conferences school board meetings, or home/community-based activities that can help their student</p>
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Program Description: *'Heritage Leadership Camp and Leading Ladies International*

<p><u>Heritage Leadership Camp & Leading Ladies Int'l:</u> District run mentoring programs facilitated by teams of mentors that have an interest in working with middle school youth in a multicultural environment</p>	<p><u>Audience:</u> Community leaders, middle school students and their parents</p>	<p><u>Times & Location:</u> HLC~ Oct, Jan and April camp sessions 8:30am.-1:30 at Highline Comm College + periodic school visits at lunch or in class (Sacajawea & Totem) LLI~ Sept, Nov, Jan, Mar, May after school sessions 2:30-4:30 Saghalie</p>	<p><u>Objectives Alignment:</u> Prepares & Connects Community members with students and parents to assist the district in its efforts to help raise achievement levels for all students</p>	<p><u>What Success Would Look Like:</u> HLC~ 12 male mentors, various school staff representatives and parents effectively collaborating to increase engagement levels, attendance and g.p.a of 60 middle school students LLI~ 10 female mentors, various school staff representatives and parents effectively collaborating to increase engagement levels, attendance and g.p.a of 30 middle school students</p>
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Program Description: 'Community Cares Teacher Support'

<p><u>Community Cares Teacher Support:</u> Twice a year acknowledgement of teachers & school staff who demonstrate effective family partnerships for student achievement nominated by parents</p>	<p><u>Audience:</u> FWPS staff, parents and community members</p>	<p><u>Time & Location:</u> Delivery of Care packages (books, mugs, extra classroom supplies, etc) to selected school staff members in October and January/ Also acknowledged at year end 'Key Communicator' meeting</p>	<p><u>Objective Alignment:</u> Informs teachers, parents and community members about the districts' commitment to supporting meaningful partnerships and the staff that model effective family partnerships</p>	<p><u>What Success Would Look Like:</u> 10 teachers/staff members per year, recognized for their work as effective leaders who can also serve as partners and advisors to the department</p>
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Departmental Overview

The Department Has and Will Continue To~

- Utilize our community's untapped resources and assets
- Include parents & community members in plans early and often
- Make partnership activities meaningful
- Show parents & community members how their input is used
- Develop parent and community leadership on every Level

Objective Alignment:

Helping the district raise student achievement levels and promote success for all students by helping family and community members become more informed, prepared and involved.

“Your Comments & Questions”

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