Collaborative School Committee
2022-2023 School Year

Meeting Date: November 1, 2022
Time: 3:15-4:00 pm
Committee Members Present:
Lazette Ray, Marta Rodenas, Brittany Smith, Selina Ramos

Schoolwide Vision & Mission: At Escalante-Biggs Academy, we are committed to creating and promoting a culture of excellence in which every child succeeds. We will do this by:

- focusing on data driven instruction
- parent and community involvement
- whole child development (academics, social & emotional wellness).

CSC Vision & Mission: The Collaborative School Committee (CSC) brings together families, staff and community members to create and implement a plan to promote high achievement within our school by supporting the whole child through social change projects and re-defining/co-defining Family/Community engagement at EBA.

Values: Student's First, Integrity, Collaboration, Equity, Accountability, & Fun

Roles & Responsibilities:

Note taker (Secretary) - Brittany Smith
Time keeper - Rosie Connell
Facilitators - Lazette Ray & Marta Rodenas

Norms of Collaboration:

a. Be respectful of ideas from all (be open minded)
b. Don't be afraid to speak up (safe environment)
c. Be present (physically and mentally)
d. Start and end on time
e. Follow through with what we agree upon

Agenda:

1. Welcome and Introductions - Marta
2. Icebreaker - What are 3 "Wow's" about you that someone may not know when first meeting you? - Marta
    a. Marta- youngest of 6, english is not my first language, adventurous
    b. Lazette- chartered 156 passenger plane for wedding, vocalist, event planner/wedding planner on the side
    c. Brittany- twin mom, born in cali, play/coach volleyball
    d. Selina- only child, 4 kids, born in california and raised in mexico

3. Penguin Praises - Lazette
2. Norms of Collaboration - Brittany
    a. Review our norms and modify/add anything to it
    b. Everything looks good right now
3. Who we are as a CSC (review the vision), why community voice is important and what the parent role is. - Lazette & Marta
        1. http://thecommons.dpsk12.org/Page/641
4. History of CSC and previous achievements - Lazette
    a. Book trust- brought books into families homes (each student got $7 a month to spend in scholastic) ever since COVID, they stopped that
    b. The new playground outside (next step is to bring in new equipment and outdoor learning in) ECHO grant
    c. Added new outdoor learning kits (blocks, tubes, mud kitchens)
    d. Technology (every classroom has a smartboard, ipads, laptops, k students have chromebooks, new marque)
    e. Family liaison- connecting families with school (incredible years, cooking matters, farmers market, food for thought, toys for tots, holiday baskets)
    f. Grant writing
    g. PAC (supports ELLs within the school) monthly district meetings and school level meetings
5. Brainstorm together - What are our goals for this year together? What would parents/the community like to see?
    a. Selina joined to learn how the school runs and learn more about it
    b. Student ratio- ECE classrooms are up to 17 students per classroom. 10-1 ratio for 3 year old, 12-1 ratio for 4 year olds, floating help to support especially during 3 year olds, kindergarten is capped at 30 students but each classroom has 1 teacher and 1 para
    c. GT or accelerated learning- universal GT testing for all K students starting tomorrow. Stephanie, our GT support partner is going to work with all teachers to support students who are advanced
    d. New superintendent- first year, most changes have been made centrally, changed all students *succeed* to all students *thrive*
    e. Parent engagement ideas- communication is good (maybe ask parent preference), DOJO is good but has to get used to it, day of reminders, events have been good, community feels welcoming
        i. Possible parent survey- preference on event dates, preference on communication style, interested events (QR code)

Next steps:

- Next Meeting - December 6th 3:15 - 4:00 pm
    - Start to brainstorm questions to send in a parent survey and format
    - Selina may have an idea for grants on outdoor playground