

Focus Questions – Suggestions (SCC Parent Mtg. 10/19/06)

What do you think is working at our school to prepare your child in reading, writing, and math?

- Reading goals (Million Words Campaign)
- Incentives (class, meeting reading goals, etc.)
- A/R testing after completing book
- Tutoring (SES, 21st Century Grant)
 - Promoting tutoring through Open House
- Communication between teachers and parents
- Newsletters
- Enthusiastic teachers
- Hands-on learning
- Constructed responses helping in writing
- Books available (new books)
- Progress reports
 - Report from teachers
 - Communication with teachers
- Teachers care
- Challenging work
- Math program
 - Math teacher works with students to break down concepts

Based on your experiences and your perspective as parents, what suggestions do you have for improving student achievement?

- Communication between parents and teachers
 - Continue planner and calling
- Math curriculum (a lot of reading/writing)
 - Where's the numbers?
- Peer teaching, students working together
- Teachers need to keep interest of students
- Encourage students
- Parent/child communication
- Allow students to read at higher levels if they want
- Stimulation/activities
 - Gets bored sitting and listening
- Smaller class size
- Air conditioning in all classes
- Better sized lunch and breakfast
 - More appropriately suited student size
- More reading
- More social activities/team building

- Students encouraged to read more than one author/genre
- Incorporate 5-minute activity (i.e. puzzle, etc.)
 - Something students find stimulating
 - Get up and stretch
- High school clubs come to encourage students to participate in high school (help with transition)
- Icebreakers
- Service project clubs
- Mandatory volunteer/community service project hours to be documented in order to pass 8th grade (begin in 7th grade)
- Polynesian Club
- Dance Club
- More sports, teams
- Homework projects that require parent participation
 - Parents need to know
 - Well communicated
- Class competition for service projects
- Improve the segregation of learning levels (high, middle, low), not keep all students at the same level of learning

What do you think our school can do to increase parental involvement?

- Banners to advertise by café
- Marquee
 - Difficult to see (too low, blocked by fence, needs to be bigger)
 - Recognize student accomplishments
- Showcase
- Dinners attached to meetings
- Open House (books, door prizes, dinner with teachers)
- School shirt with name (raffle)
- RIF (Reading is Fundamental)
- Prize/shirt for students whose parents show
- Extra credit for students
- Saturday Fun Fair Fundraiser
- More opportunities for parent gatherings/meetings
- Parent workshops/informational meetings to cover new teaching methods/curriculum
- Add email lists for minutes to be dispersed to parents
- Continue communication
- Start meetings earlier (5:00 pm)
- Keep meetings at 6:00 pm