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PARENT and FAMILY ENGAGEMENT PLAN

August 2018 – May 2019

Bobby Barrett Elementary is a Schoolwide Title I school.

I. BELIEF STATEMENTS

- A. The education of all students is a shared responsibility between parents and Bobby Barrett Elementary School.
- B. Parents must be knowledgeable partners to effectively support the educational goals of the district.
- C. The educational success of students is directly related to parental engagement.
- D. Parental engagement is essential to improve student achievement.

II. GOALS

- A. Involve parents of students at all grade levels.
- B. Encourage regular communication between parents and faculty.
- C. Promote and support responsible parenting.
- D. Schedule parent meetings.
- E. Provide opportunities for parents to support and assist in students' education.
- F. Develop professional development to improve effective parental engagement strategies.

III. ACTIONS

- A. Communication between home and school is regular, two-way, and meaningful.
 - 1. Prepare parent handbooks describing the parent engagement program along with Family Kits providing school information at the beginning of each school year and distribute at the Open House and first day of school. Contact Principal, Donna Whisenhunt at 870-867-2661.
 - 2. Recommend guidelines for the role of the parent, student, teacher, and school in a compact signed by all involved parties. Contact Federal Programs Coordinator, Nan Wilson at 870-867-2323.
 - 3. Inform parents of ways they can become involved in the school and their children's education by attending Parent-Teacher Organization

monthly meetings as scheduled. Contact PTO President, Brandy Wingfield at 870-867-7467.

4. Plan activities to encourage parental engagement.

Open House	August 8, 2018
Grandparents Day	September 7, 2018
Patriot's Day	September 11, 2018
Star Spangled Day	September 14, 2018
Constitution Day Presentation	September 17, 2018
Spirit Week	October 01-05, 2018
PTO Fall Festival	October 20, 2018
Screen Free Week	October 20-27, 2018
Red Ribbon Week	October 29-31, 2018
Family Engagement	November 11, 2018
Literacy Night	
PTO Christmas Extravaganza	December 2018
Book Fair	December 17-20, 2018
Christmas Program	December 20, 2018
Awards Assembly	January 11, 2019
Valentine's Activities	February 14, 2018
Family Engagement	February 21, 2019
Math/Science Night	
Read Across America Day	March 1, 2019
Book Fair	March 04-08, 2019
Kindergarten Egg Hunt	April 18, 2019
Family Testing Practice Night	Spring, 2019
Science/Social Studies Fair	April 23, 2019
Book Fair	May 2019
Field Day/ Ag Day	May 3, 2019
Awards Assembly	May 24, 2019
5. Schedule two parent-teacher conferences per school year.

Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences	September 25, 2018
Spring Parent-Teacher Conferences	March 05, 2019

Contact Principal, Donna Whisenhunt at 870-867-2661.
6. Schedule conferences as needed after report cards and progress notes are sent home. Parents may call the elementary office at 870-867-2661 to schedule an appointment.
7. Encourage immediate contact between parents and teachers when concerns arise. Contact Principal, Donna Whisenhunt at 870-867-2661.
8. Distribute student work for parent review and comments on a regular basis. Each classroom teacher will send weekly student work home to parents beginning August 13, 2018 through May 24, 2019. For questions or additional information, contact Principal, Donna Whisenhunt at 870-867-2661.
9. Communicate with parents regarding positive student behavior and achievement. Contact Counselor, Cassady Crocker at 870-867-0127.

10. Involve all staff members, parents, and community in the communication of school goals and activities. Contact Federal Programs Coordinator, Nan Wilson at 870-867-2323.
11. Provide communications to assist non-English speaking parents. Contact Principal, Donna Whisenhunt at 870-867-2661.
12. Provide opportunities for parents to communicate with principals and other administrative staff. Contact Principal, Donna Whisenhunt at 870-867-2661.
13. Foster a responsive, open door policy that is developed by staff and parents. Contact Principal, Donna Whisenhunt at 870-867-2661.
14. Establish opportunities for parents and teachers to share information about students' strengths and learning styles. Contact Principal, Donna Whisenhunt at 870-867-2661.
15. Announce "Open House" at the beginning of each school year by posting on the district web site and in the local newspaper.
Open House August 8, 2018
Contact Principal, Donna Whisenhunt at 870-867-2661.
16. Request homeroom parent volunteers to organize holiday events and calling chains. Each classroom teacher will seek a homeroom parent by sending home a checklist of tasks parents are willing to perform.

B. Parenting skills are promoted and supported.

1. Purchase parenting books, magazines, and other informative materials regarding responsible parenting that may be borrowed from the school library. Contact Parent Center Coordinator, Melissa Austin at 870-867-4778 for information about materials available and requests for ordering materials throughout the year.
2. Create parent centers that provide information about programs and resources available to parents and families. Parent Center information and list of after school programs will be published via notes sent home and the school social media page. Contact Parent Center Coordinator, Melissa Austin at 870-867-4778. Parent center hours are one day a week as scheduled (TBA) from 3:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.

C. Parents play an integral role in assisting student learning.

1. Schedule regular Parent Meetings giving a report on the school's academic standing.
Open House August 8, 2018
Title I School Meeting September 24, 2018
District Title I Parent Meeting May, 2019
Contact Federal Program Coordinator, Nan Wilson at 870-867-2323.
2. Inform parents about what students will be learning in each subject at each grade level. Teachers will provide curriculum pamphlets during open house to all parents.
Open House August 8, 2018

3. Discuss how students will be assessed and how students can improve skills. Contact Principal, Donna Whisenhunt at 870-867-2661.
4. Encourage regular school attendance by giving perfect attendance awards each nine weeks. Contact Counselor, Cassady Crocker at 870-867-0127.
5. Information will be sent home to show parents how to access student grades (HAC) on computer. Contact Counselor, Cassady Crocker at 870-867-0127.
6. Teachers will communicate classroom happenings and plans through the school messenger, school social media, and notes home. Contact Counselor, Cassady Crocker at 870-867-0127.

D. Parents are welcome in the school, and their support and assistance are needed.

1. Ensure that all school policies encourage parents to visit and participate in their students' education. Contact Superintendent, Tom Wilson at 870-867-2323.
2. Publish a volunteer handbook. Contact Parent Center Coordinator, Melissa Austin at 870-867-4778.
3. Survey parents regarding interests so that volunteer work will be meaningful. The parent interest surveys will be included in the yearly student handbook which parents will receive on the first day of school. Returned surveys will be returned to Parent Center Coordinator, Melissa Austin for appropriate assignments of interests. Contact her at 870-867-4778.
4. Schedule flexible volunteer times to accommodate parents' work hours and opportunities to help from home. Contact Parent Center Coordinator, Melissa Austin at 870-867-4778.
5. Print statements attesting to the school's commitment to parental engagement and distribute to parents of students. Contact Principal, Donna Whisenhunt at 870-867-2661.
6. Promote participation in parent-teacher organization. Contact PTO President, Brandy Wingfield at 870-867-7467.
7. Parent Night will be once each semester on the same evening as a monthly PTO meeting. Date and time TBA. Contact Parent Center Coordinator, Melissa Austin at 870-867-4778.

E. Recognize that a parent is a full partner in the decisions that affect his/her child and family.

1. Publish the school's progress for resolving parental concerns, including how to define the problem, whom to approach first, and how to develop solutions in student handbook. Contact Federal Programs Coordinator, Nan Wilson at 870-867-2323.
2. Include parents on all decision-making and advisory committees. Contact Federal Programs Coordinator, Nan Wilson at 870-867-2323.

3. Facilitate active parent participation in the decisions that affect students, such as student placement and individual personalized education plans. Contact Principal, Donna Whisenhunt at 870-867-2661.

F. Recognize that community resources strengthen school programs, family practices, and student learning.

1. Seek resources for educators and parents. Contact Principal, Donna Whisenhunt at 870-867-2661.
2. Develop partnerships with local businesses and service groups. Contact PTO President, Brandy Wingfield at 867-7467.
3. Implement an organized volunteer program coordinated by a paid staff member. Contact Parent Center Coordinator, Melissa Austin at 870-867-4778.
4. Continue to recruit alumni for the advisory committee to provide advice and guidance for school improvement.

DISTRICT ANNUAL TITLE I PARENT MEETING & PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT
EVALUATION May, 2019

ELEMENTARY FACILITATOR: MELISSA AUSTIN 870-867-2323.

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