

2014-2015 Southwood Parent Involvement Plan

Pine Bluff School District

School Improvement Status: Needs Improvement

Grade Level: K-5

Are You Title I Schoolwide? Yes

Percent of free and reduced lunch: 92.76%

Committee members

Name: Alfred Carroll, Principal

Name: Vivian Washington, Parent Facilitator Counselor

First Name: Lyna Johnson, Kindergarten Teacher

First Name: Sonya Roaf, Parent

First Name: Andrea Christopher, Parent

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1. List various communication strategies used in your school to provide additional information to parents and to increase parental involvement in supporting classroom instruction.

1. News letters sent to parents with school calendar and school activities
2. School's reading initiative is explained to parents in pamphlets generated by the parent facilitator
3. School web site and HAC are available for parents to assess for grades and assignments
4. Student planners are provided for parents to review papers sign and return to school
5. The school will send home report cards each quarter and mid nine weeks reports to keep parents aware of their children's grades.
6. Each school year the school will report the state of the school during parent orientation
7. A school wide Title I meeting will be held each school year to inform parents about the plan and how to receive a copy.
8. Yearly School calendars are given to each parent

2. List the proposed parent meeting, conferences and activities regularly throughout this year and the dates providing flexible meeting times that you have planned to increase parental involvement and build staff and parent capacity to engage in these types of efforts. (Must include the 2 state mandated parent/teacher conferences each year.)

- Parent Orientation August 15, 2014 5:30 P.M.

- Openhouse Tailgate August 28, 2014 5:00 P.M.

- Million Fathers March September 11, 2014 7:00 A.M.

- Math, Science and Literacy Nights October 2014 6:00 P.M. ,November 2014 6:00 P.M. , February 2015 6:00 P.M. These activities are planned to give parents information, suggestions and make and take ideas to use at home to enhance their children's academic success.

- Parent Teacher conference October 16, 2014, January 2015, and March 12, 2015 All conferences are scheduled from 3:30 to 7:30 to give all parents and opportunity to attend

3. How will your school provide information to parents about volunteer opportunities (must include state mandated parent training)?

The school will provide opportunities for parents to read to students during the school day. Other volunteer opportunities will be sent home in the form of school bulletins and announcements.

The school will work with Belair Middle school and Greenville preschool to have a smooth transition from one school to the next. PBSO will provide staff development for teachers as required by the state for parental involvement.

Our Math, Science and literacy Nights give parents developmentally appropriate materials to use at home to enhance academic success.

4. How will your school work with parents to create a School-Parent-Compact?

School staff, parents and students will develop a school-parent-compact. This compact will outline how school staff, parents and students all share the responsibility for improving student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build a partnership to help children achieve the state's high academic standards

All stakeholders will sign the compact. Sample form can be found in Parent Facilitator notebook

5. How will your school provide opportunities for parents to be involved in the development, implementation and evaluation of the school wide school improvement plan, and the Annual Title I Meeting to engage them in the decision-making processes regarding the school's Title I, Part A Program?

- The school will include parents on school improvement committees.
- The school will ask parents to serve on curricular and instructional review committees
- The school will involve parents in the decision making about the allocation of Title 1 part A funds for parental Involvement.
- The school shall consider recruiting alumni from the school to create an alumni advisory commission to provide advice on school improvement
- The school shall enable the formation of a PTO to foster parental and community involvement within the school

6. How will your school provide resources for parents?

- Parents may check out materials from the media center, use computers to assess educational web sites or review grades
- The school will give all parents informational packages, a copy of the Parental Involvement Plan. Parental involvement activities planned for the school year will be listed in the student handbook (with reminders sent home) and the school's process for resolving parent concerns will be in the handbook. The school will communicate with parents with notes, phone calls, e-mail, and text messages.
- The school will have several areas available for parents to obtain magazines, pamphlets and books. (Parent Centers)
- The school will utilize the district Parent Center
- A grievance procedure and policy will be outlined in the handbook
- A parent facilitator will be selected each school year

7. How will your school engage parents in the evaluation of your parental involvement efforts?

The school will have an evaluation using a comprehensive needs assessment to be completed by parents' faculty and staff. The Title I committee will determine the effectiveness of the parental involvement plan and make changes as needed. The evaluation will collect information on the growth in parents participating in workshops and meetings, the specific needs of parents, effectiveness of strategies used to support academic growth.

8. How will your school use the parent interest surveys to select, plan and implement parental involvement activities that will be offered throughout the year?

The school will have parents fill out a parent interest survey each school year to get information from parents concerning the activities they feel will be most beneficial to their children to support their academic success

The school will use the results from the parent survey to plan the parental involvement activities for the year.

The school will evaluate the activities suggested by the parents at the end of the year as part of the annual parental involvement evaluation.

9. When will your school plan the Annual Title I Meeting that must be conducted separately? (It CANNOT be held in conjunction with any other meetings or activities.)

The school will conduct an annual Title 1 meeting each school year
The agenda, sign-in sheets and minutes will be kept in the parent facilitator notebook in the parent facilitator's office.