

21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC)
High School Networking Conference Call
January 11, 2012
9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Notes

Programs on the Call

Detroit Midtown Academy
Traverse City High School
Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency
Grand Rapids Public Schools – Creston and Union High School
Recreation Reaps Rewards
Willow Run High School
SEEDS

Welcome

Lorraine welcomed the participants on the call.

Topic: Parent Involvement

1. *What unique ways are you involving parents?*

Recreation Reaps Rewards (RRR) shared that they call the parents or have the parents visit at any time.

Detroit Midtown Academy (DMA) shared that parents attend parent meetings, such as résumé writing, team building, and fitness. They have an average of six parents attend each meeting.

Traverse City High School shared that they had a family night for parents where the cooking club students provide dinner. They served about 100 people at the family night. During the family night the library was open for parents to access the computers.

Several sites shared that they have a phone system that sends a standard call out to parents regarding upcoming events.

It was asked if electronic notifications were sent to parents. The sites representatives shared that the demographic of students and parents they work with don't have access to e-mail. It was shared that program staff might text students but not normally parents.

Willow Run High School shared that they use facebook to send out information/invitations to their family nights.

2. *How are you implementing parent ideas into your program?*

One program shared that during the parent-teacher conferences their staff hand out parent surveys.

It was asked how programs solicit ideas from parents besides surveys.

One program shared that they had a parent offer to come into the program and work with the cooking club to cook an authentic Mexican meal.

One program shared that they have a community advisory group. One of the goals of the advisory committee is to increase parent involvement. They are planning to develop a family movie night that is community-wide. They are also working to develop a hygiene closet where the public can access hygiene items or donate items. They are working on this because the schools received a safe and supportive schools grant.

Recommendations

It was shared by several on the call that they feel these calls are beneficial. They also shared ideas for future topics. The topics are listed below:

- Community Partnerships – Advisory Groups
- How to get non-profits involved in high school programming
- Increase and retain student involvement

Future Call

The next call will be held on Thursday, February 9, 2012 from 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.