

**Title I Parent Advisory Committee  
Minutes**

September 22, 2016

4:00 pm

Members Present:

Sarah McElfresh, Stephanie Roach, Wanda Walker, Beulah Womack, Julie Gilliam

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Parents were welcomed and asked to introduce themselves to other committee members.

Dr. Julie Gilliam, Executive Director of Curriculum & Instruction gave a brief overview of the Title I program. Objectives of the consolidated application were shared as well as the main characteristics of a Title I school. Benefits of the program for students and teachers, as well as the Title I budget were also shared.

Dr. Gilliam went over the basic roles of the Advisory Committee and the need for input regarding the Title I budget.

Dr. Gilliam shared the purpose of the School-Parent Compact with members.

Dr. Gilliam reviewed the concerns from last year that revolved around communication and lack of high quality parent activities. She shared the upcoming parent classes: Active Parenting of Teens, Microsoft Word Certification, and Parent Nights at the schools that provide hands-on training for parents on how to work with their child at home. The group viewed a segment of the Active Parenting video course.

Dr. Gilliam shared information about the Engagement Survey given to school administrators to identify areas of need.

Dr. Gilliam added that 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center funding is also available for parental involvement/family engagement.

Parent concerns were shared including:

- Homework assistance
- Need for a Meet & Greet for new Superintendent
- Understanding of Power-Up at the middle school
- Garden at the Elementary School and Aquaponics at Middle School were damaged by maintenance.

Suggestions for upcoming events included:

- Vendor Fair
- Active Math workshops
- Ident-A-Kid
- PBIS Information Night
- ESEA Information Night
- Science Night
- Parent Portal
- Artist Night
- Community Fair
- National Parent Involvement
- Family Nutrition Information Night
- College Application/Readiness Night

Next Meeting: October 18, 2016 at 4:00 pm, School Board Office Conference Room