Parent Leadership Network
Monthly Meeting Notes
March 15, 2018

Parent Leadership Network

- **Who are we?** - representatives serving as school leaders
- **Where are we going?** - increased student achievement due to parent, school & community partnerships.
- **How will we get there? -** by learning, practicing, and sustaining effective family engagement strategies and best practices; measuring outcomes
- **What we need to get there? -** passion for the work, professional development, and RUSD support

Meeting Notes

Meeting opened up with a welcome and introductions.

Training

Drea Hall, Parent Engagement Consultant
Felicia Howell, FACE, Racine Unified

Topics: Family and Community Engagement Pioneers and Best Practice
(see powerpoint presentation)

Drea Hall provided an overview of how parent engagement is defined and discussed the difference between family involvement versus family engagement. Participants learned about two parent engagement pioneers who have used research based approaches to increase family and community engagement, Karen Mapp and Joyce Epstein. Parents learned about the two family engagement frameworks and how there are similar themes of two-way communication, decision making, volunteerism, at-home learning and training that were identified as best practices.

Felicia Howell then provided an overview of the Office of Family and Community Engagement at Racine Unified and the events and initiatives they are working on. The training ended by parents discussing what they can do to get and stay engaged at their child's school. Parent Leadership Network is one opportunity they agreed would help bring more parents together and help them to develop as parent leaders.

Next month's meeting:

- April will focus on planning for Family Empower Day and parents will hear from a guest speaker who is experienced at parent engagement. Parents will continue their relational meeting assignment and we will check-in monthly about it.