

Appreciative Inquiry ~ Community Solutions Meeting Notes ~ February 27, 2018

Next Meeting Date Proposal: Tuesday, April 3rd, 2018 at 6:00 pm

Key strategies discussed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Resource page for parents- methods to support parents accessing information/support from school district<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Welcoming packet for new parents to the district● Common translations- common announcements, text services etc..● Our kids are a wonderful way to engage families- engaging kids in family engagement pays off● Educational brokers- building capacity in key communicators<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Need to create conditions for parents to connect with one another at school/on grounds○ Example in study of schools using family engagement money through Title IA to pay stipend to educational brokers● Kid driven survey to determine community needs● Use of video to communicate key messages with limited language● Meet parents where they are instead of always asking them to come to our schools/our setting● Music performances/cultural events attract the most diverse group of families at the schools
Key questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● How can we remove barriers for parent groups to access translators? (Reported that PTO's can't use district employees to translate parent materials)● How can we provide a clear path for businesses to contact schools?● Why are school gates locked all the time? What are the risks? Multiple members of the team mentioned this as a barrier to communicating with parents and connecting before and after school.● How can we look at local assets to do more local field trips because bus/transportation costs are rising?● Can we use the website and social media more effectively to reach the hard to reach families?