

Family Engagement Team 25/26  
***Family Engagement Meeting***  
***Agenda***

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DATE: April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026

TIME: 8:45 am

LOCATION: Room 5

Attendance:

Jeanette Apaez-Gutierrez- Principal

Karina Acuna – Family engagement representative (Facilitator)

Leslie Anderson-Ryan -Teacher representative

Bridgette Patterson - Parent representative

1. **Call meeting to order at**
2. **Call to the audience**
3. **Reports**

**A. Facilitator Report**

**a. Walk Around Wednesday**

**Every Wednesday during lunch recess, students enjoy walking, jogging, and staying active with friends and staff while building healthy habits and challenging themselves to complete more laps each week!**

**Families are invited to join the fun and walk alongside their student.**

**b. Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon**

**We are excited to host our Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon to honor and celebrate the incredible volunteers, community members, tutors, and donors who continuously support our school community. This will take place on Wednesday, April 15th at 2:00 PM in the cafeteria for a special garden-themed luncheon filled with gratitude and celebration. Volunteers will receive certificates of appreciation, student artwork will be proudly displayed, and our teachers will contribute delicious dishes for our potluck-style event. Your kindness, generosity, and dedication help our students grow and thrive each day, and we are truly grateful for all that you do**

**c. Earth Day**

**On Wednesday, April 22nd, our Cragin school community will come together for a special campus clean-up day focused on teamwork, pride, and caring for our environment. Parents and community members are invited to join us in helping to beautify and clean the outdoor spaces around our school. Teachers will bring their classes to the courtyard for a brief message from our principal about the importance of taking care of our school and working together to make a difference. Afterward, students and staff will receive gloves and trash bags as they head to their designated areas to help clean and care for our campus. We are excited to see our school community unite to show pride in Cragin and help keep our campus beautiful!**

**d. Science Night**

**Science Night was a huge success! Thank you to our amazing parent volunteers, teachers, and staff who helped lead fun and engaging activities at their booths throughout the evening. Your time, energy, and dedication helped create such a memorable experience for our students and families. A special thank you to our Site Council for making it possible for MD Science to visit and present their exciting Fire and Ice demonstration! Students learned so much through hands-on science experiences and even got to take home activities to continue the learning and fun. We are so grateful to everyone**

**who helped make this event such a wonderful night of learning, discovery, and community!**

**e. Cragin's Open House & Registration Event**

**This is a wonderful opportunity for families to experience the best of our school community while preparing for the upcoming school year. Families will have the chance to complete registration and explore the many programs and opportunities available at Cragin. The evening will feature special performances by our Kinder–1st Grade Choir and OMA dance groups, showcasing the incredible talents of our students. Dinner will be provided by PTO, creating a welcoming space for families to connect and enjoy the event together. Families can also visit our Curriculum, 21st Century, Family Engagement, and PTO booths to learn about student programs, receive helpful resources, and discover ways to get involved and volunteer at our school.**

**B. Principal Report**

**Behavior Management & Expectations**

**As we round out our final quarter of the school year, our students and community continue practicing and strengthening the character traits and positive behaviors that support our ongoing work of becoming the best versions of ourselves. Through our behavior expectations and Life Skills lessons, students have been learning the importance of kindness, responsibility, empathy, and self-awareness both in and out of the classroom. This spring, our lessons focused on understanding how mental health is an important part of our whole-body wellness. Students explored how our physical, emotional, and mental health are all interconnected, just as our individual wellbeing is connected to the wellbeing of our families and school community. We are proud of the growth our students continue to show in making positive choices, building healthy relationships, and supporting one another. We encourage families to continue these meaningful conversations at home by exploring the Character Strong family newsletter and additional resources to help nurture whole-body health and wellness together.**

## **Academic Update**

**We recently completed the AASA state testing, and we are incredibly proud of our students for their hard work, perseverance, and positive attitudes throughout the testing season. Thank you to all of our families for partnering with us by ensuring students arrived at school on time, well-rested, and ready to do their best each day. It was also heartwarming to see our younger students cheering on and encouraging our upper-grade students by creating kind messages, motivational posters, and words of encouragement to help build confidence and remind them to believe in themselves. These thoughtful acts truly reflected the caring and supportive spirit of our Cragin community.**

## **Staffing Updates**

**We are excited to continue growing and refining our OMA program to provide students with even more opportunities to experience a variety of art forms through integrated learning experiences. Our goal is to expose students to the arts in meaningful and engaging ways that connect with classroom instruction while helping students build creativity, confidence, and self-expression. Next year, students will have exciting opportunities such as opera experiences for 1st grade and recorder instruction for 2nd grade, just to name a few of the enriching programs we are expanding. We are also thrilled to share that all grade levels will have access to PE, supporting the development of healthy lifestyles, teamwork, and physical wellness for every student. Through these opportunities, we continue working toward providing a well-rounded educational experience that nurtures the whole child.**

## **School Updates**

### **a. Ben's Bells Kindness Tree**

**Our students had a wonderful opportunity to be part of a very special project by painting tiles in Ben's Bells' iconic green to help create our beautiful Kindness Tree. On March 24th, students proudly helped install the pieces onto the**

**wall, bringing the project to life and creating a lasting symbol of kindness and community on our campus.**

**A heartfelt thank you to the Fiesta Bowl Foundation and Stone Canyon Community Foundation for sponsoring this meaningful and beautiful project. We are so grateful for your support in helping spread kindness throughout our school community!**

### **C. Community Representative Report**

**As we approach summer, we want families to know that there are many community resources and opportunities available to support our students and families during the break. Northminster, along with several other community organizations, will be hosting summer camps and enrichment opportunities for students. In addition, TUSD Resource Centers will remain open throughout the summer to provide support and resources for families. Information and resource materials were shared during the meeting and are also available for families in Room 5. We encourage families to take advantage of these wonderful opportunities to keep students engaged, supported, and connected throughout the summer months.**

#### **4. Discussion/Information Items**

- a. Setting Meetings for next year**

#### **6. Action Item**

- a. ParentVue/ Parent Square -WORKSHOPS will be scheduled for next year in collaboration with 21<sup>st</sup> century**
- b. Reflection and Celebration – As a community, we have all come together to collaborate.**
- c. Community and Summer Resources – 21<sup>st</sup> Century Applications are available with Ms. Leslie and Community Resources available with Ms. Karina in room 5**
- d. Ways to stay Connected – Social Media posts, Class Dojo, emails, share summer activities, share summer reading initiative.**

**7. Plan agenda for the next meeting August 2026 or September 2026  
Meeting Pending date**

**8. Adjournment**