Parent and Family Engagement Policy 2022-2023
Winding Springs Elementary

I. Parent and Family Engagement Policy
   A. List names and roles (teachers, administrators, parents, etc) of persons involved in developing Parent and Family Engagement Policy.
      Matthew Slota, Principal
      Kelly Provenzano, Assistant Principal
      Rachelle Peterson, Dean of Students
      Brittany Medley, MTSS Facilitator/Principal Intern
      Danielle Banister, MCL
      Kurtis Carpenter, Social Worker
      Dreanna Holloway, Counselor
      Rosario Weber, Interpreter
      2022-2023 School Leadership Team
   B. Briefly describe the process your school used to:
      1. Select participants to develop the policy
         School Leadership Team was elected September 2022
         Instructional Leadership Team
      2. develop policy (1-2 pages max) (policy should reflect Components II through XII taken from Parental Engagement Section 1116 of The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)
         Ongoing - See NC Star/Indistar Plan
      3. implement policy
         Ongoing - See NC Star/Indistar Plan

II. Annual Information Meeting
   A. Describe your plan to conduct an annual meeting to inform parents of their school’s participation in Title I Part A. Include strategies to inform English Learner parents.
      A virtual Title I meeting will be held on October 27, 2022 at 5:30 PM. Parents will be notified via Facebook, Class Dojo and Connect Ed. Our interpreter will be in the meeting to provide Spanish language support. The meeting will be recorded and posted to allow parents who were unable to attend the opportunity to view the meeting.

III. Flexible meeting times
   A. Describe your strategies to offer flexible times for parental and family engagement opportunities and meetings.
      1. Open House was held on August 23rd. Parents could attend from 12:00-2:00 or 4:00-6:00.
      2. School Leadership Meetings are held at 5:30pm once per month based on feedback
3. Curriculum nights are held in the evenings and will continue to be recorded and shared for families who are unable to attend.
4. Quarterly awards day celebrations are held throughout the day to accommodate various schedules.
5. Parents are invited and encouraged to register as volunteers by using the CM volunteer system (pending health clearance)
6. Basic Skills Sessions for Multilingual families are held monthly at night to accommodate family schedules

IV. Title I Part A Planning
   A. What timeline and strategies will you use to involve parents and families in an organized, ongoing, and timely way, in the planning, review, and improvement of the Title I Part A Program.
      Title 1 Parent Meeting - October 27, 2022
      School Leadership Team Meetings last Thursday of each month at 5:30pm

V. Parent Information and Opportunities
   A. Describe how you will provide parents and families with the following:
      1. Timely information about Title I Part A Programs
         Facebook, Class Dojo, ConnectEd, Twitter, Instagram, New School Website
      2. School performance profiles
         Emailed/mailed/hand delivered
      3. Assessment results of their child’s performance
         Mailed/hand delivered, Parent-teacher conferences
      4. A description and explanation of the curriculum, assessment forms, and proficiency levels and state standards. Include strategies to inform parents with language barriers and/or disabilities
         Curriculum Nights by grade level
         Parent/teacher conferences
         Regular use of Interpreter and collaboration with EC team
      5. Opportunities for regular meetings to participate in decision making
         School Improvement Team Meetings
         Parent/Teacher Conferences
      6. Timely responses to suggestions and questions raised by parents
         Email communication
         Phone Calls
         Use of social media
      7. Reasonable access to staff, opportunities to volunteer and participate in child’s class
         Opportunity to contact teacher
         Opportunity to attend field trips
         Opportunity to register as a volunteer
         Opportunity to serve on PTO or SIT

VI. School-Family Compact
   A. Discuss timeframe and strategies to present and explain compact to parents as it relates to the child’s achievement. Include strategies to inform parents with language barriers and/or disabilities
      Parents are presented with the Parent-School compact during the first week of school. It was sent via Class Dojo with a signature opportunity in a Google Form. The document will also be shared at our annual Title 1 meeting.
   B. Include a copy of the compact
VII. Building Parent and Family Engagement Capacity
   A. Briefly discuss how you will address the following:
      1. Provide assistance to parents in understanding performance standards, assessment, Title I, monitoring their child’s progress, and participating in decisions relating to the education of their child
         Annual Title 1 Meeting
      2. Provide materials and training to help parents work with their children (literacy training, computer skills, homework assistance/workshops, family literacy nights, adult EL, GED etc.)
         Curriculum Nights
         Parent Teacher Conferences
         Facebook videos
      3. Educate teachers and other staff to work with parents
         Ongoing Professional Development
         Coaching/support as needs arise
         Student Services Team point person for challenging situations
      4. Coordinate and integrate parental involvement programs/activities
         Student Services Team Subcommittee for Attendance and Engagement
      5. Develop appropriate roles for community-based organizations and businesses
         Conduct a needs assessment in 2021-2022 school year
         Align community partnerships to demonstrated academic and family needs
         Facilitate a Zoom meeting to connect with all community partners
      6. Conduct other activities as appropriate and feasible that is designed to help parents become full partners in the education of their child
         A Childs Place
         School Based Mental Health
         Communities in School
      7. Ensure that information related to parent involvement is sent home in the language used in the home
         Use of Interpreter/Translator

VIII. English Learners and Disabled Parents and Families
   A. Provide full opportunities for the participation of English Learner parents or with disabilities
      Use of interpreter/translator
      Compliance with all IDEA laws and regulations

IX. Parent/Family Requests
   A. Describe how you will provide reasonable support for activities requested by parent and Families.
      Staff available to serve at events
      Volunteer coordinator sends out ConnectEd messages as needed
      Parent provide input and ideas to PTO
      Frequent family surveys (quarterly) to assess needs and gather input

X. Annual Evaluation
   A. Discuss timeline and plan for involving parents and families in an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of the parent and family engagement policy in improving the academic quality of the schools.
      Parents are invited to attend monthly School Leadership Team meetings. During these meetings, we engage in ongoing reflection and modification to the plan. At the May meetings, we seek input on our progress to date as well as suggestions for improvement.
XI. **Other Parent and Family Engagement Practices** (School *may* include the following). Only describe the ones you choose to implement

A. Describe how your school addresses the following, **only** if practices are part of your schoolwide plan.

1. Involve parents/families in the development of training for teachers, principals and other educators
2. Provide necessary literacy training
3. Pay reasonable and necessary expenses associated with local parent and family engagement activities, including transportation and child care cost
4. Train parents and families to enhance the engagement of other parents
5. **Arrange school meetings at a variety of times or conduct in-home conferences for those unable to attend in school activities**
6. Adopt and implement model approaches to improving parent and family engagement