

GREATER JOHNSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
SDM Committee on Family Engagement
Tuesday, January 20, 3:00 p.m.
Pleasant Avenue Media Center

I. Meeting called to order at 3:00 p.m.

II. Team Members and Administrators in attendance:

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	COMMENTS
Cory Cotter	x		
Alicia Koster		x	
Scott Hale	x		
Nicole Lent	x		
Matt Lewis		x	
Jacqueline Yacobucci		x	
Alison Wallace	x		
Bridget Rocco		x	
Casandra Kelso	x		
Jackie Strouse	x		
Meghan Heroth	x		

Guests:

III. Old Business

- Goals
 - Find ways to connect and support families to be effective partners
 - Enhance communication and collaboration between families and schools
 - Share resources and best practices across our educational community
 - Create sustainable initiatives and GJSD Community Events that support student success

★ Parent Engagement PK-12

- Parent University - Survey for topic, provide transportation for families (use community bus stops)
 - High School
 - College Admissions/FAFSA/Scholarships
 - Workforce panel
 - Common App
 - Run same time as other activities
 - Transitioning between buildings
 - First literacy night host an event

★ Ideas

- Parent reading volunteers to read during the school day
- Bring grandparent to lunch
- Bring parent to support during center
- Educating parents on conscious discipline
- Family Engagement/Learning Center
 - Location?

★ Kick off event in August (Strouse)

- The goal is to make everyone feel comfortable
- A welcome carnival for the entire district
 - The parking lot between Warren St. and JHS
- Use the #WeAre
- Student and Teacher volunteers
- Use DOSEA and student clubs

★ Conscious Discipline

- [Conscious Discipline](#)
- Family Resource Center

★ How to get the people not involved - involved

- Personally invite people
- Change feelings of JEPTA/JPTSA

★ Video for families the first week of school from current families about tips

IV. New Business

★ Establish roles and responsibilities (*5 min.*)

- Notetaker -
- Timekeeper -
- Facilitator - Cory Cotter

★ Planning

- [Parent University](#)
- [#WeAreJohnstown - Kick Off 2026-2027 Event](#)
- [Family resource center for Johnstown families](#)
- [Getting more families \(volunteers\) involved in the school day](#)
- [Video for 2026-2027 School Year](#)

V. Round Table

NL - More food you can offer at events, better attendance, volunteers for babysitting at events

JS - Transportation to events throughout the year for families would be beneficial

CK - Time of day for events is important

SH- None

MH - Keep things open consistently (Day and Time)

V. Meeting concludes at 3:40pm