

Minutes 12./14/2021:

## Family Engagement Meeting Family Game Night

Mr. Davis welcomed everyone to the meeting. Dr. Russell was introduced . He shared the importance of parents and children being vaccinated against the COVID virus. Dr. Russell explained that the best way to manage the impact of COVID on our school is to follow the recommendations ; wear masks, social distance and get vaccinated.

Mr. Davis introduced Ms. Verlon Laird who introduced the representative of a bus company who explained the problems that covid is causing on the transportation system. There is a shortage of bus drivers and the active bus drivers are at high risk of covid and must quarantine when testing positive for the virus. There was discussion about the importance of good behavior on the bus. Participants were encouraged to contact their Minnesota House representatives and senators and encourage them to support Unemployment eligibility for bus drivers over the summer break.

Mr. Davis introduced the format of our meeting. We will play two games ; a scavenger hunt for the children and a trivia game for parents and children. Each family will be a team. We will have a first and second prize for the scavenger hunt and a prize for the team who wins the trivia game. Ms. Lynn wrote the items for the scavenger hunt in the chat . Mrs. Kleven explained the trivia game which was facilitated through the KAHOOTTS platform. Prizes included a child sized FRIENDSHIP t-shirt , an adult sized FRIENDSHIP hoodie and a family activity kit including a game, hot chocolate and candy canes.

Anthony Davis Jr. and his mom won the trivia game. The Wright family won the first prize in the scavenger hunt and the Kender family won second prize.

Mr. Davis thanked everyone for attending and reminded the group of the January meeting 1/11/2022.

FEM meeting 1/11/2022

Yvette Mitchell speaker , present were : a. Davis President, T Smith, J. Thompson ,Mr. And Mrs.Kender, Mr. Hopkins, Mrs. Kleven, Mrs. Phillips, Ms. Westberry, Mrs. J. Phillips, Mrs. K, Dr. Russell, Mrs. Jo, Christina.

Mr. Davis welcomed everyone. Mr. Davis introduced Ms. Yvette Mitchell who is an educator, advocate and organizer from Philadelphia Pa. Ms. Mitchell has worked for over 40 years serving young people in the Germantown community in Philadelphia. She is presently pursuing a PHD in education. Ms. Mitchell spoke on the principal of NIA “ purpose” . She said “ our job as human beings is to make the world a better place; to build and develop our community intentionally” Generations are responsible to pass on the legacy of our history and sense of responsibility for each other” Participants were encouraged to discuss the importance of passing on the meaning of purpose to our children. How do we pass on the importance of having purpose? Mr. Davis and participants thanked Ms. Mitchell for participating in our meeting . The discussion was thought provoking and enjoyable.

Mr. Davis reminded the group of the February meeting on 2/8/2022. Ms. T. Smith challenged each participant present to bring at least one other parent to the next meeting.

Mr. Davis closed the meeting