

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
(Community Engagement Plan)

Community Engagement Plan Development

The purpose of this plan is to promote community collaboration with all stakeholders to ensure continuous improvements for our school district. It describes the various methods the board will use to engage with the community to address issues related to the district's beliefs, mission, and vision. These activities are in addition to the opportunity district residents have to place items on the board agenda in accordance with board policy BDDH.

Community engagement, for the purpose of this plan, is two-way communication between the community, school district, and schools, to work together in the best interest of children. Engaging in this manner will create opportunities to provide input while being informed of the district's vision and mission.

The plan development process included the Board Policy Committee, which held a meeting on March 13, 2023 at 8 p.m., the Citizens Advisory Committee, which held meetings on May 1, 2023 at 6 p.m. and May 23, 2023 at 6 p.m., as well as Board of Education meetings held on April 10, 2023 at 6:30 p.m., May 8, 2023 at 6:30 p.m., and June 12, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Plan Components

The community engagement plan is inclusive of components that are consistent with policy KC, which states, the board recognizes the importance of ongoing community engagement in supporting the district's mission and is committed to engaging the community in meaningful and intentional ways.

Planned Engagement Activities

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Stakeholder</u> <i>1. Parents/Guardians; 2. Students; 3. Staff; 4. Community/Advocacy</i>	<u>Level of Engagement</u> <i>1. Informing; 2. Consulting; 3. Involving; 4. Collaborating</i>
Board Meeting	The District holds a series of meetings for continuous	Community/Advocacy	1,3,4

	collaboration.		
Back to School Night	The District will host this event to inform and engage parents/guardians and students of information for the upcoming school year.	Parents/Guardians; Students	1, 2, 3, 4
Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting	The District will hold a series of meetings for the purpose of continuous school improvement.	Community/Advocacy	1, 2, 3,4
State of the District Address	The District will host an event to provide information of accomplishments, current state, and plans for the future.	Parents/Guardians; Students; Staff; Community/Advocacy	1,3
Girls/Boys Conference	The District will hold a girls and boys conference each year for the purpose of providing resources to students from staff and community/advocacy groups.	Students; Staff; Community/Advocacy	1,2,3,4
Meet the Teacher Night, Parent/Guardian Orientation	This is an opportunity for parents/guardians to receive orientation, student schedules, tour the building, get school supplies and everything they need to begin the school year.	Parents/Guardians	1,2,3

Performing Arts and Music Programs	These are opportunities to see students perform and show what they have learned in fine arts, music and performing arts classes and programs during the school year.	Parents/Guardians and Community Members	1,2,3
School PTA/PTO Meetings and Programs	These are opportunities to engage parents and guardians who join the PTA/PTO to participate in activities, fundraisers, programs for the purpose of providing resources and support for classroom teachers, students and the school.	Parents/Guardians and Community Members	1,2,3,4
Family Literacy and Math Night	The District hosts a night that engages families in reading and math student activities and games.	Parents/Guardians, Students, Staff	1,2,3,4
Career Day	The District hosts this event to encourage students to plan ahead and provide information about potential careers. Some parents are invited to schools to talk about their careers.	Parents/Guardians; Students; Staff; Community/Advocacy	1,2,3,4

<p>Parent/ Teacher Conferences</p>	<p>The District provides times for parents/guardians to meet with their child(s) teachers to discuss student progress and collaborate with parents on ways to help their child excel in school. Primarily it is an excellent chance for the school to partner with parents/guardians on the academic and behavioral performance of students.</p>	<p>Parents/Guardians; Students; Staff</p>	<p>1, 2, 3, 4</p>
<p>Community Connections Event</p>	<p>The District hosts families and community members to connect them to resources including food, utility assistance, educational services, healthcare, etc.</p>	<p>Parents/Guardians; Students; Staff; Community/Advocacy</p>	<p>1, 2, 3, 4</p>
<p>Community Education Events</p>	<p>The commitment of RQS Community Education is to offer a wide variety of educational, recreational, and personal growth experiences for our community. Community education classes give patrons great choices that are all offered at a minimal cost. New classes are added every fall and spring. (Computer literacy, financial planning, Tai Chi, etc.)</p>	<p>Community/Advocacy</p>	<p>1, 3</p>
<p>Fine Arts Nights</p>	<p>These events are designed to provide parents/guardians the opportunity to receive Professional Learning and engagement opportunities to make and take materials and resources to help their child at home in the areas of music and art.</p>	<p>Parents/Guardians; Students; Staff</p>	<p>1, 2, 3, 4</p>

Family Engagement Days/Nights	The District will provide opportunities for school families to engage in family events with school staff before or after school; usually hosted by PTA/PTO. The events provide continued learning and collaboration. (Examples include, but not limited to–Trunk or Treat, BooFest, Spooktacular Car Parade, Picnic Day, Movie Night, Game Night, Donuts with Grownups, Trivia Night, Paint Night, STEM in the Gym, etc.)	Parents/Guardians; Students; Staff; Community/Advocacy	2,3, 4
Graduation Ceremony	The District will hold this event to celebrate students and their accomplishments.	Parents/Guardians; Students; Staff; Community/Advocacy	3,4
Board of Education Candidate Forum	The Raytown Educational Foundation will host this event for the purposes of introducing the candidates running for the Board of Education and to listen to the candidates’ responses about the role of a Board of Education member.	Community/Advocacy; Staff	1,3
Middle School Festivals	Middle schools host an annual festival to bring in the community. Raytown Middle hosts an annual pancake breakfast in partnership with local vendors and the fire department to bring in the community to share in holiday cheer.	Community	3
Curriculum	The District will host a series of	Parents/Guardians;	1,3,4

Nights	events to expose our families and community to the curriculums being taught in our classrooms. (Examples include but not limited to-Math Night, Science Fair, Art Night, etc.)	Students; Staff; Community/Advocacy	
Student Recognition & Awards Night	The District provides recognition to celebrate the successes of students throughout the year.	Parents/Guardians; Students; Staff	1,2,3,4
High School Assemblies	The high schools provide assemblies for students for student interaction, student recognition, school pride, etc.	Students; Staff	1, 3, 4
A+ Tutoring	The District will provide students opportunities to tutor students.	Students	1,2,3,4
All National Honor Society Activities	Mostly involving community service, the purpose is to boost the community around Raytown and involve students in our district in the process. Activities could include Preschool Trunk or Treat, making dog toys for KC Pet Project, etc.	Students; Community	3
Bond Forum	The District will hold a series of meetings to gather feedback, develop plans, and provide information about upcoming facility needs.	Parents/Guardians; Students; Staff; Community/Advocacy	1,2,3,4
Real World	Through a grant from the Kauffman Foundation, each high school Real	Students; Staff;	1,3,4

Learning	World Learning Coordinator works with staff and local business to raise awareness and provide experiences for students to earn Market Value Assets that will prepare students for their career pathway.	Community	
Girls on the Run and Boys on the Run	The District will host this event so that students may participate and grow.	Students	3
Mentoring Program	The District will provide opportunities for community members, staff and parents/guardians to mentor students to be role models and a positive influence.	Community, Staff; Students	1,2,3,4
Intramurals	Middle school students participate in intramural sports after school throughout the school year.	Students	3,4
Co-Curricular Activities	The District provides students opportunities to participate in co-curricular activities like Band, Choir, Orchestra and Theater to showcase their talents.	Staff; Students; Parents/Guardians	3,4
Field Trips	The District will provide field trips for students to continue to learn and grow.	Staff; Students; Parents/Guardians; Community/Advocacy	1,2,3,4

Booster Clubs	The District organizes booster clubs to help facilitate activities and events to further involve students.	Parents/Guardians; Students; Staff	1,2,3,4
Teacher Externships	Teachers have opportunities to job shadow with local businesses to design projects that allow students to solve real world problems in the classroom. These solutions can be presented to businesses to get feedback.	Staff; Students; Community	1,2,3,4
Board Committees	The District holds committee meetings at the direction of the Board of Education to monitor, review, and implement ideas and procedures.	Parents/Guardians; Students; Staff; Community/Advocacy	1,2,3,4
Chamber	The District provides information about the school district.	Staff; Community/Advocacy	1
Rotary	The District provides information about the school district.	Staff; Community/Advocacy	1
Staff Appreciation	The District provides recognition of staff for morale and staff retention.	Parents/Guardians; Students; Staff; Community/Advocacy	3,4
Convocation	The District provides an uplifting event to the beginning of the school year for staff.	Students; Staff; Community/Advocacy	1,2,3,4

College/ Career Readiness Days	Elementary, middle and high school students participate in career fairs that highlight career pathways in local colleges/universities/trade schools and businesses in Raytown and the KC Metro.	Students; Staff; Community	1,2,3,4
Trauma Smart	The District provides training to better support students' Social Emotional Learning needs.	Parents/Guardians; Students; Staff;	1,3
Social Media	The District provides information for students, families, staff and the community about what is happening in the district. This is a way for the District to highlight the work of students and staff, discuss future events, share important information etc.	Parents/Guardians; Students; Staff; Community/Advocacy	1,2,3,4
The C-2 View	The District provides bi-yearly information about the school district. The C-2 View is sent to every address within the District. It is a way to share information with District residents about the work of students, staff and the District as a whole.	Parents/Guardians; Students; Staff; Community/Advocacy	1
Volunteering	The District provides opportunities for parents/guardians and community members to volunteer in school or outside of school (field trips, etc.)	Parents/Guardians; Community/Advocacy	1,3

Spanish Speaking Parent Meeting	The district provides outreach to Hispanic families in their native language to provide support and access to resources.	Parents/Guardians; Students; Staff	1, 2, 3, 4
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Potential Obstacles and Challenges

The implementation of the plan will require consistent communication with the larger community. In addition to informing the community regarding activities, to ensure accessibility in the elimination of obstacles and challenges it's most important that the district and the board identify such barriers in advance, while identifying resolutions.

Activity Evaluation

In collaboration with the communications department, the district will provide regular updates as well as opportunities to adjust and revise the plan. This will be done in conjunction with feedback ascertained from the community through the use of surveys, polls, and participation in meetings with exit surveys being provided.

Plan Evaluation and Revision

The board and engagement activity participants will review this plan annually. The plan may be revisited more frequently at the request of the board or community members.

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Revised:

Raytown C-2 School District, Raytown, Missouri