

District Title I Parent Committee Meeting
April 29, 2015 @3:30pm
Chester County School District (Board Room)

Present: Dena Dunlap, Director of Academics
Dr. Alisha Green, Title I Literacy Coordinator
Amanda Kee, Title I Compliance
Tonya Campbell, Parent @COLT
Liticia Carter, Parent @ARTS & CMS
Freida L. Brown, Parent @COLT

Notes from meeting:

- Parents were welcomed by Dena Dunlap and everyone introduced themselves.
- PowerPoint presentation was made for an Annual Title I Overview, which included a discussion of district and school plans and proposed expenditures for next year.
- District Parent Involvement Policy- need input/suggestions
- Discussion of how to get parents more involved:
 - When students perform
 - Food

We need some type of parent outreach program at each school. Parents want to know they are welcome to come in the schools. Parents discussed that parents tend to come more when their child(ren) are at the elementary level; we need to reach out to those parents of middle and high school students. Maybe teachers could “follow” students when they leave elementary school and keep in touch with a student to let them know someone cares. Some parents don’t know how to “approach” teachers and/or school administrators when they are upset about an issue with their child. We need to work with parents so they are more non-confrontational. Sometimes, the perception a parent has about school may be due to their experiences in school. Also, when a parent enters a school building, what they see first can make an impression on them. Mrs. Dunlap will talk to principals at the May meeting about what they can do to reach out more to parents and make them feel welcome.

- Literacy Workshop- Dr. Alisha Green provided a PowerPoint presentation on the importance of reading, reading strategies, homework, and what parents can do to help. Parents were given a copy of Homework Tips for Parents of Pre-K to 12 and Tips to Help Your Elementary Student Become a Better Reader.