



# Family Engagement Forum

An Education Collaboration  
in the Capitol Region

**Thursday**  
**November 4, 2021**  
**12pm-2pm**

**Via Zoom**

## **Meeting Notes:**

### **Galt Elementary Presentation**

- Back to School Nights were held virtually with FACE team members offering assistance for bilingual families.
- ELAC/DELAC meetings have had a large family attendance.
- First in person 2<sup>nd</sup> Cup of Coffee event is coming up on November 7<sup>th</sup>. Have been hosting virtually.
- Parents are able to come back on site with proof of vaccination status.
- DLI – Dual Language Immersion program.

### **Round Table Sharing:**

Shari Malespin (Robla) – ELAC/DELAC have invited doctor from Hazel Health to have a Q&A for parents around COVID Vaccination. Had Latin Heritage dinner which went very well. Formed vaccination committee to help get information out to families. Social Workers are conducting home visits. Have been trying to use social media and district website to connect with students and families.

Amy Gregory (San Juan) – District has been doing a lot around professional development opportunities, but not putting too much pressure on schools. Looking for a way to provide information in a way that can be shared again at a later date. Monthly newsletter is new and highlights family engagement and timely activities/resources. Looking to take things off the school site plates but still supporting family engagement. Getting volunteers back on campus through digital process. Book study was just launched for the district with 80 participants virtually.

Luis Cruz Solache (San Juan) – District is trying to leverage virtual workshops that were done last year. Safety is still a priority, so workshops have been virtual. Topics include suicide prevention, high school graduation requirements, college/career readiness, bullying, internet safety and tobacco use. Plan on having parent university classes back in person in the spring if possible. Monthly meetings with staff that work at Title I schools to try and provide support.

Heriberto Soto (Twin Rivers) – Partnered with several different organizations to connect with families that live in local communities to help provide information and resources

about district. Most meetings for the district have been held via Zoom. In the middle of planning for enrollment push for next year.

Robin Ryan (SCOE) – Virtual Summit in September, four districts participating in coaching sessions with Michelle Brooks. May 5<sup>th</sup> will be the end of the year session. Seeds of Partnership has calendar online with statewide opportunities available to families.

Steve Jackson (Center) – FACE has been doing a lot around contact tracing which has taken a lot of time but has also created a connection with families. Working to provide principals with data around attendance.

Haley Myers Dillon (Sac State) – Talking with Chancellors office about trying to build a stronger partnership with early start and family departments at CSUS. Would like to help students be better prepared for when they arrive at university. Parent Ambassador program was decimated by COVID, trying to rebuild. Townhalls for parents once a month to discuss concerns.

Angela Griffin (Folsom Cordova) – District held Parent Summit virtually, had more attendance than when in person. Target how to incorporate all families and provide equity for everyone. Potential partnership with Sac State around health clinics at sites to help provide resources for families. Finding a huge need for mental support. Parent English Language classes focusing on Spanish and Farsi speaking families. Staffing limitations are the biggest challenge at the moment. Formalizing District Advisory Committee.

### **Early Start Program (Joe Parente)**

[A Message from California Surgeon General, Dr. Nadine Burke Harris](#)

[A Video Message from Parents](#)

### **Future Meetings: Thursdays, 12-2pm**

**January 6th** Host: SCOE

**March 3<sup>rd</sup>** Host: Robla

**May 5th** Host: Elk Grove