



PARENT ENGAGEMENT

P.R.E.P.

PASSION. REAL AND RELEVANT. EXPERTISE. PARTNERSHIP.

Discussion/Self-Reflection Questions

Part One: Passion

1. Has today's "virtual village" helped or hampered communication with parents? In what ways does your school function as a community center?
2. Stacey DeWitt refers to a "diet of data." Why does information alone not change behavior? How does that alter the strategies and tactics for communicating with parents?

Part Two: Real and Relevant Resources

1. Stacey DeWitt spoke of the layers of complexity in the issues families face today. What are some of the challenges facing your school community? How can the power of story telling (demonstrated in the video resources featured in this segment) help to address complex challenges?
2. What are the key elements in order for your students to be "ready to learn?" How do parents play a role? How can we help parents to be "ready to learn," as well?

Part Three: Expertise

1. How would you describe your most important credentials as an educator?
2. How do you communicate those credentials to your parents and students?

Part Four: Partnership

1. Discuss the parent involvement plan that is in place at your school. Who spearheads this process? Does it address social and emotional learning as well as academic achievement?
2. What tactics in your parent involvement plan address each of the six National Standards for Parent Involvement?