



Glendale Strong Family Network Meeting Notes

Thursday, August 8, 2019, 1:00 – 2:30 PM

Attendees: Aimee Sitzler, Rosa Zurek, Maria Landeros, Veronica Huaracha, Nora Lozano, Lina Rocha, Liz Rivera, Davita Solter, Georgina Portillo, Kaitlyn Crawford, Jasmine Johnson, Gisela Jimenez-Vazquez, Eric Santiago, Matthew Hess, Tia Laframbois, Leslee Miele, Grace Kirker, Andrea Arellano, Jody Gallimore, and Katy Reeve

Decision Points

- Community Food Dinner
 - It will take place at Landmark cafeteria and gym during the week of fall break: 10/7-10/11. Nora will confirm which date is best with Chef Badman.
 - A taskforce was created to help with planning and outreach between meetings. Members are Nora Lozano, Gina Portillo, Grace Kirker, Andrea Arellano, and Liz Rivera.
 - The taskforce will engage GSFN partners, GESD promotora groups and parents, as well as other volunteer groups like Apollo high school Key Club students.
 - Goal of 250 attendees. Tickets are \$5 for ages 13 and up, 12 and under are free.
 - GSFN partners will ask their organizations and their networks to consider “sponsoring” the event by buying tickets and/or a table for a family.
- Community Food Gathering
 - It will take place on Saturday, 11/23. A separate task force will be created following the dinner.

Updates

Barrier Busters

- GESD is looking for a twin mattress for a GESD teacher that recently relocated from another country—for resource or ideas please email Davita at dsolter@gesd40.org

Imes/GSFN Promotoras

- Nora is unable to support them outside of the GSFN work in her new job capacity.
- Nora will work with Liz to train FRC and GESD staff in promotora curricula to continue promotora group engagement.

Glendale Elementary School District Trends School Year 2019-2020

- Reduce enrollment by 1300 students. Following a downward enrollment trend of last few years.
- Concerns over the opening of a large charter school near downtown Glendale.



- Its impact on GESD enrollment
- The lack of wrap around services available to meet the students' and families' needs, particularly mental and behavioral health
- Seeing an increase in homeless and displaced families. Lack of housing continues to be a concerning trend.
- GESD went through rebranding. Their tag line is A Mosaic of Minds and the theme for the year is Radiate Kindness.
- Received large grant to create a Mental and Behavioral Health department at GESD to serve families and students in crisis or who have experienced trauma. It aims to build social emotional learning on a school level.

U.S. Census

- Opportunity for employment for local families and individuals.
- For more info go to 2020census.gov/jobs

Action Steps/Follow Ups

- Taskforce to meet and begin planning GSFN Community Dinner
- Nora to secure dinner date with Chef Badman
- GSFN partners to consider sponsoring a family or table for the dinner event
- Liz and Nora to link regarding promotora training of FRC and GESD staff.

Next GSFN Meeting: Thursday, September 12, 2019, 1 –2:30 PM at GESD Family HUB