

Table Discussion Responses – September 23, 2019

Student Engagement – What extra curricular programs/ideas/presenters would encourage student academic engagement?

- Archaeological excavation mock up
- Reading Club
- Sleep over – Telus Spark, Royal Tyrell
- Leadership – recess
- Add STEAM – grants to offset the cost
- University connections
- Geographic sister school – international, provincial, etc
- Lunch & Learns – ie manufacturing companies
- Pen pals – could be in a school in Calgary so they can have the opportunity to meet
- Yoga
- BOKS – do again and have more spaces for students
- Intramurals (with volunteers?)
- Increase play opportunities at recess

Based on our school goals what suggestions do you have for spending?

- Basketball nets
- Indoor recess materials (ie - cold winter days)
- Exterior events sign
- Playground
- Indoor playground equipment for gym or vacant spaces
- Standing desks and hoki chairs
- Books, ESL books
- School interior improvements (ie-art, mini building)
- Ways to use energy if they can't sit still in the class (ie- mini trampoline)
- Floor decals to encourage movement when walking down the hall (hop scotch, wiggly lines, numbers)
- Library cozy space/zen den/chill zone
- More field trips (Fort Calgary, Aggie Days, Heritage Park)
- Specified fundraising - donations for 'legacy' assets
- Open play – gym, music room, library, etc
- Specific sport night in the gym/tournaments

School Engagement – What activities could we plan to feed our purpose of school engagement and building our BPS community?

- Game night – board games, bingo (planned for Feb. 2020)
- Movie night or show night (shorter) with intermission
- Skate night (already on the schedule)
- Art night – make something for the school to be displayed as art pieces
- School garden and weeding
- Outdoor amphitheatre (like Griffith woods)

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- Veterans food drive – challenge other schools (currently planning)
- ‘Heritage’ evening/ ‘a day in the life of...’
- Carpooling groups
- Reach out to senior centres, possible visits with seniors
- Parents Night -game night, chat, etc – have babysitting available

Parent Engagement – What are the possible ideas for presentation topics that parents would value?

- Online safety/social media/cyber bullying
- Attachment/strengthening family units
- Development psychology (different grades, milestones)
- How do we have ‘the talk’ – AHS nurse talks to parents
- Diversity and inclusion
- Friendology
- How to deal with kids emotions
- Online parent support forum – development tips/techniques
- Send out an email asking for feedback and posing the same question
- Brain development – right brain vs left brain, coping skills, brain based learning
- Assistance/support reading (CP library?) What questions to ask, age range