

HIGH SCHOOL PARENT INVOLVEMENT PLAN: 2015 – 16

Pangburn High School

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Grade Levels: 7th through 12th grades

Campus Parent Involvement Coordinator: Counselor – Dutchess Butler, Social Worker – Brandy Gallegly

Free & Reduced price meal eligibility in High School, for 2015-16 is 53%

Parent Involvement Committee Members: Brandy Gallegly, Social Worker, Dutchess Butler, Counselor; Principals- Rolland & Louks; Peggy Gosser, Library Media Specialist; Wade Butler, Math Facilitator, Jennifer Hutchings, ALE Coordinator – Chris Collette; Donna Moorehead, Teacher; Karen Heep, Para; Amanda Redman, Teacher; Beth Bell, Community Member; Liz Graham, PTO; Nikki King, Parent; Leslie Wolfe, Parent.

PROGRAM COMPONENTS:

1. Various communication strategies used in your school to provide additional information to parents and to increase parental involvement in supporting classroom instruction:

* A separate Open House (that does not conflict with other district open house events), will be held for students and parents to meet faculty – pick up schedules, receive supply lists, tour facilities, pick up textbooks . When Open House was finished, a Freshman Orientation was held in PAC where clubs on campus also shared membership process. The session informed students of academic expectations and parents of opportunities for involvement in their child’s education. Student handbooks are shared at registration and Open House, and are available for a new student in each campus office as well as the electronic copy of student handbook is available from the district website. Open House is held during the second week of August in the evening, with final date and time posted on school website, district electronic sign and letters mailed to students shared at registration. Principal Rolland will coordinate the event, (contact number: 728-3513).

* The High School Staff will continue to improve communication between parents and teachers with using campus email, online gradebook access, and district website, phone calls through School Messenger, newsletters, parent/teacher conferences, seminars, sports, club, and organization activities. Principal Rolland, Dutchess Butler, Chris Collette & Principal Louks will coordinate events and times, (HS contact number: 728-3513; MS contact number: 728-4912).

* Teachers will provide parents with specific information related to the ASPIRE assessment changes & expectations by utilizing new sample items during parent-teacher conferences, newsletters, and released items practice sheets. Each parent will be provided with a contact number and email address of each teacher in case parents need more information or have questions. Two parent-teacher conferences will be held during the fall and spring in the evenings. Check school website for dates.

* Parents will be notified of activities related to the leadership & character education and drug prevention programs and services. Pangburn HS Counselor, Dutchess Butler (contact number, 728-3513) and Social Worker, Brandy Gallegly (contact number, 728-4912), and School Nurse, Becky Vanwinkle, (contact number: 728-4230) will provide information to parents throughout the year and each individual serves as a valuable resource to parents, staff and community.

* Information disbursed to parents will be made available in various languages reflecting the diverse student population. This information will be disbursed in the high school and middle school office by the High School & Middle School Principals, David Rolland, (contact number, 728-3513) and Suzanne Louks, (contact number: 728-4912).

* Pangburn High School & Middle School staff continues to utilize a variety of methods to help support struggling students. The campus will utilize counseling, 504 criteria, Special Education Services, online course software programs including Study Island to regain credit or accelerate courses or use for ACT prep if needed. Counselor Butler, Special Education Teacher Benton, Distance Learning Para Drye, Office Secretaries Barrett & Stacy, as well as ALE Coordinator, C. Collette and Media Specialist, Peggy Gosser, Math Teacher/Coach Whitworth, & Para's: Huckaby, Knapp & Brown all provide small group assistance and remediation to students. Students in grades 7th – 12th have assigned advisory groups which were led by a staff member. The advisory groups meet weekly with the same staff member to discuss programs, academics, school work, vocational preparation, etc. The advisory groups have been very effective in reducing the number of semester failures in the past year as well as helping reduce student absences.

* Communication with the Middle School staff, students and parents help in the transition from 8th grade to 9th grade and the various academic requirements in high school. Middle School offers a TRIO program to help students think about possible careers, academic course work, time management, etc. Seminars led by Counselor Butler (contact number: 728-3513) and Para Jo Stacy informs parents and students about how to be prepared and involved in career decisions, and scholarship opportunities with meetings offered in fall and spring of each year (meeting dates posted on campus and on www.pangburnschools.org).

* Pangburn Schools has an informational sign as well as regularly updated website, www.pangburnschools.org. The sign and website posts upcoming school meetings, important dates and times, school pride information, etc. Contact person for posting campus and district events, is Dr. Berryhill, Superintendent at the Administration Office (contact number, 728-4511).

2. Proposed parent meeting, conferences and activities regularly throughout this year and the dates providing flexible meeting times that you have planned to increase parental involvement and build staff and parent capacity to engage in these types of efforts. Staff and family contacts must include the two state mandated parent/teacher conferences each year; usually scheduled for October and January:

*Pangburn High School & Middle School will schedule a minimum of two parent/teacher conferences during the fall and spring each school year. Check school web-site for dates. Information pertaining to scheduling additional conferences with faculty, administration, and staff will be provided to parents within the Student Handbook. The meetings will be held at various times during the day or evening to better accommodate parents. Pangburn High School Parent Center is open from 7:45 am to 3:15 pm on school days to provide resources and information to students, parents, guardians and community members related to the following: (a) Information packets, (b) Parent Involvement meetings, (c) Volunteer Information, (d) Campus process for resolving parental concerns in handbook, (f) Provide instruction to parents on how to incorporate learning activities in the home environment including a variety of resources available through parent newsletters, district website, Arkansas Department of

Education website/resources, and (g) Resources to help a parent assist their child's learning and vocational/technical information. Contact Jo Stacy, Dutchess Butler, or Brandy Gallegly, (HS contact number, 728-3513 & MS contact number, 728-4912).

* The High School provides multiple opportunities for parents and family members to engage in school activities including Grandparent's Day Breakfast in September---which HS students serve as greeters and assist in the event, Book fairs, and Art fairs, Band & Choir performances, Club activities and programs, athletic events and competitions.

3. The secondary campus will provide information to parents about volunteer opportunities:

* Pangburn High School & Middle School staff members will be encouraged to utilize the Parent-Volunteer Resource Book provides information pertaining to the availability and areas of interest for each volunteer that will work within the schools. Dutchess Butler, Counselor & Campus Parent Coordinator (contact number, 728-3513) & Brandy Gallegly, District Social Worker (contact number, 728-4912), Jennifer Barrett, High School Office Secretary, (contact number, 728-3513) and Rhonda Houston, Middle School Office Secretary (contact number, 728-4912) are responsible for updating the volunteer resource book for the school year.

* Informational resources corresponding to drug and alcohol awareness and prevention will be made available to parents in the Parent Resource Center with the contact person of Dutchess Butler, Counselor, ((contact number, 728-3513).

* Pangburn High School & Middle School will provide resources for school and community- a based preschool as well as Day Care that focus on strategies to increase parental involvement.

* Various resources are available at each campus office as well as the district website, www.pangburnschools.org including: staff directory including email addresses, school calendar, cafeteria menus, lunch applications, student handbook & curriculum guide, various sport schedules, district financial documents, etc.

* STATE REQUIREMENT - The school will distribute informational packets each year that includes a copy of the school's parental involvement plan, survey for volunteer interests, recommended roles for parents/ teachers/students and school, suggestions of ways parents can become involved in their child's education, parental involvement activities planned for the current school year and information about the system that will be used to allow parents and teachers to communicate (notes, phone calls, e-mail. In the Back-to School August orientation each year, informational packets are given to parents. Principals Rolland and Louks are contacts, (HS contact number, 728-3513; MS contact number, 728-4912). Campus secretaries, will assist in collecting responses to annual volunteer interest surveys shared during Parent-Teacher meetings during the year.

* STATE REQUIREMENT - To promote and support responsible parenting, the school shall, as funds are available: purchase parenting books, magazines, and other informative materials regarding responsible parenting through the school library, advertise the current selection, and give parents the opportunity to borrow the materials for review. Counselor Butler (contact number, 728-3513) and Social Worker Gallegly (contact number, 728-4912) will be responsible for selecting appropriate parenting materials. A list of materials, books, videos, pamphlets, and other resources available for checkout, can be obtained from the District Parent Center, contact Counselor Butler or Jo Stacy for more information.

* Included in the school's policy handbook, a description of the school's process for resolving parental concerns, including how to define a problem, whom to approach first, and how to develop solutions. The principal of each school in a school district shall designate (1) certified staff member who

is willing to serve as a parent facilitator. Peggy Gosser, HS Library Media, serves as the Secondary Parent Facilitator, (contact number, 728-3513).

* The State Board of Education's Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools require no fewer than two (2) hours of professional development for teachers & administrators designed to enhance the understand of effective parental involvement strategies following the update PD Schedule enacted by 2013 Legislative Session. Current Secondary Staff members received Parental Involvement training during District Wide In-Service during August of each school year, and each campus provided Parental Involvement Updates at their meetings in August. Principal, Counselor & Social Worker led the update, (HS contact number, 728-3513. MS contact number, 728-4912).

* Pangburn High School & Middle School will conduct annual training for volunteers assisting in instructional programs, classroom activities and field trips. The training will include topics aligning to both building and district level Parent Involvement plan goals and objectives, as well as topics requested by parents and/or the community. Training is held as needed in each semester by teachers & administrators, Principal Rolland & Louks, (HS contact number, 728-3513. MS contact number, 728-4912).

4. Work with parents to create a School-Parent-Compact:

* Parents, teachers, and administrators will work together to develop a School/Parent Compact. The compact will be included in the Student Handbook which all students and parents receive. Principals Rolland, (contact number, 728-3513) and Principal Louks, (contact number, 728-4912) are responsible for making sure the compact is disseminated to parents; compacts are signed by parents and returned back to school in August.

* Each campus will maintain School-Parent Compacts that reflect the following criteria and assurances: (a) Programs to insure assistance to parents in understanding content how to monitor a child's progress; standards, academic assessments, and (b) Materials, workshops, and training will be made available through the parent center and each campus to help parents work with their children to improve academic achievement; Counselor Butler, (contact number, 728-4230) and Social Worker Gallegly (contact number, 728-4912). (c) Professional development will be provided to teachers, principals, and other staff in the importance of effective communication, value and utility of contributions of parents; (d) Programs will be utilized that foster the coordination and integration of community and parent involvement programs and activities; (e) Information about school and parent programs, as well as required documentation, will be made available in a language familiar to the parents f) The implementation of parental involvement programs will be supervised by Principals: Rolland (9th-12th) & Suzanne Louks (7-8).

* Campus Administrators have an "open door" policy where parents and students are welcome to visit, call, or email any staff members about ideas and/or concerns about their child.

5. Provide opportunities for parents to be involved in the development, implementation and evaluation of the school wide school improvement plan, and the Annual Title I Meeting to engage them in the decision making processes regarding the school's Title I, Part A Program:

* Title I funds will be allocated for the purchase of materials and supplies to facilitate parent involvement activities and resources for the Parent Center. Campus Principals (Rolland & Louks) are responsible for getting parent feedback on how parental involvement funds will be spent, (HS contact number, 728-3513. MS contact number, 728-4912).

* Various resources in the Parent Center are available to parents throughout the year. PSD Tiger Newspaper (Sponsor Ericka Mckee, contact number 728-3513), published and mailed free to all addresses in school district provides stories of interest, upcoming dates, contact information for the district, etc.

* To take advantage of community resources, the campus shall consider recruiting alumni and guest speakers to present information to students and classes as well as serve as a resource throughout the year; Principals Rolland & Louks & grade level leaders are responsible for recruiting the guest speakers, (HS - contact number, 728-3513, MS contact number 728-4912).

* The District & Campuses will utilize the support and services of the Parent-Teacher Organization which has been very active for the last few years in raising funds to support academic projects at various grade levels. The PTO meets monthly and schedules meetings at various campuses and times to better fit our parent's schedules. events, school staff and administrators regularly attend the meetings and sponsored events. For more information related to PTO, contact Elementary Office at 728-4230.

6. Engage parents in the evaluation of your parental involvement efforts:

* Pangburn Schools will engage parents in the annual evaluation of the Title I parental involvement efforts through an annual evaluation using a comprehensive needs assessment filled out by teachers, parents and school staff. The Title I committee, made up of teachers, parents and school staff, will determine the effectiveness of the parental involvement plan and make changes if warranted. While collecting evidence about satisfaction with the program and the school's efforts to increase parental involvement will be a part of the evaluation, the survey will also collect specific information on the (1) growth in number of parents participating in workshops and meetings; (2) specific needs of parents; (3) effectiveness of specific strategies; and (4) engagement of parents in activities to support student academic growth. Principals Rolland and Louks serves as contact person, (HS - contact number, 728-3513, MS contact number 728-4912).

7. Use the parent interest surveys to select, plan and implement parental involvement activities that will be offered throughout the year:

* Pangburn High School & Middle School will ask parents to fill out a parent interest survey during each school year to gain information from parents concerning the activities they feel will be most beneficial in the efforts to support their child academically. Contact persons are Counselor Butler, (contact number, 728-4230) and Social Worker Gallegly, (contact number, 728-4912).

* Pangburn Secondary Campuses will use the results of the parent interest survey to plan the parental involvement activities for the year. The results will be compiled by campus & district administrators.

8. Schools plan the Annual Title I Meeting that must be conducted separately that is separate from other campus parent meetings:

* The school will conduct an Annual Title I Meeting for parents of students in grades 7th-8th and 9th-12th. The meeting will be held in the fall or spring semester. Principals Rolland & Louks will facilitate the meeting, (HS - contact number, 728-3513, MS contact number 728-4912). Date and time of the meeting will be shared with parents and posted on district website.

* The school will hold their annual Title I meeting separate from any other meetings or activities to ensure that they have ample time to provide a description/explanation of school curriculum, information on forms of academic assessments used to measure student progress and information on proficiency level students are expected to meet. For each Title I, Part A School, an Annual Title I Meeting must be conducted. The agenda, the sign-in sheet and the minutes for this meeting must be generated separately from any other events.

10. Plan Adoption:

* The Pangburn Secondary Parental Involvement Plan has been developed with input of parents, staff, community members and administration. The High School Parental Involvement plan for 2014-15 will be approved by Pangburn School Board in the fall of each school year. This campus plan will have copies available to all secondary parents and plan will be posted on the district website, www.pangburnschools.org.