

**Welcome and Introductions:**

- Thanks to all families who came tonight
- Time – Asked families regarding if this time (6:30) works?
- Dena, Tonja, Jas – introduced themselves

**Upcoming Events: Envision Fest, Family Hike**

- Envision Fest: Saturday (9/17/16) – Downtown Hartford
- Family Hike: October – Look for this date to come (will be a Saturday)
- Month to month event roll out coming – could be an all call or newsletters

**Parking Lot: Questions from families**

- Family Directory – will be by class
- Email flyers – in advance
- Will there be a lending library for children – yes, yes (classroom and library) have ordered book bags for each child (AMAZON gift cards? Families to donate) Library in new building also
- Uniforms – no
- Do we plan on having sports – not currently, if strong desire we would have to have a conversation (club and intermural – yes)
- Music program – instruments are coming in years to come
- Languages – coming in years to come
- Fundraisers – with the PTO
- How will the school psychologist engage with children – evaluation process; school social worker starting Tuesday – tier supports
- New second special education teacher – in the next week will have announcement
- Pathways after grade 5 – working with those who also have pathways to CTRA (Mary Hooker, Two Rivers, Annie Fisher- will there be a lottery?)
- Building – not looking to open school year under one roof, another building for a grade level until they transition, children will stay in modules next year
- Building 167 – parent pick up question (bring back to staff)

**Principal Updates:**

- Parent leadership group – owned by the families

**Home/School Connections:****1. What is the policy/guidelines of homework?**

- Think of an activity you are good at/one you aren't – share with your table (the fixed/growth mindset)

**2. Home/School Connection – handout****First thoughts from families:**

- Subconsciously already do
- Learning process (tell vs. show)
- Challenges – the way I learned v. way child is learning it
- Act like I don't know anything – my child likes to teach me something, dig deeper
- Behaviors – finish it at home

What the team discussed:

- Common core – standards from preschool to twelve
- Math nights on the way to teach parents about common core
- If children do not get it, don't do it for them – this is feedback to the teacher
- Will include some choice/structure – engaging to the child
- Statement will go home in a newsletter, family feedback, this year is a learning process

Celebrations (Birthdays, Holidays, Cultural):

- Grade levels will be sending out these guidelines in the next month
- The power of building habit

Moving towards PTO structure:

- Will discuss in the future – want to head towards becoming a 501c3 (this will be next meeting)

What worked well/what needs improving? Check parking lot:

Closure:

- Next month – about families, what do you want?

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 20, 2016