

Office of Family & Community Engagement



Parent Leadership Network

Mission of Parent Leadership Network (PLN)

To provide parents with accurate District and Network updates, equip parents with tools to support learning at home, and cultivate parent leaders in schools and communities.

Vision of Parent Leadership Network

The Parent Leadership Network serves as a vehicle to empower parents to become actively engaged in their child's school and community. Through PLN meetings, our goal is to shape the path to a collaborative parent-school culture through two-way communication.

What

Parent Leadership Networks are monthly parent meetings hosted by Family and Community Engagement (FACE) Managers. The goals of PLNs are to bring parents and other stakeholders together to provide accurate District and Network updates, provide opportunities around parent leadership development and provide information to parents to help support learning at home. PLNs serve as another avenue for other CPS departments to share district initiatives and information with parents.

Who

A Parent Leader is actively engaged in their child's education, shares ideas with other parents, and enriches their school community. While any parent is welcome to attend, PLNs target *emerging* parent leaders. These parents tend to not have active leadership roles within their school community, but are constantly conducting outreach to get other parents involved in school life while also supporting school activities (i.e. Parent-Teacher Conferences, Open Houses, Family Literacy Nights, etc.)

How

Parent Leadership Networks provide a monthly meeting structure that introduces parent leaders to the Chief of Schools and allows for direct communication between parents and network leadership. PLNs provide an avenue for parents to receive leadership development training, which will encourage them to be more active within their school community, including volunteering for leadership roles such as serving on their Local School Council.

When

PLNs meet monthly, with the schedule and agenda determined by the Network FACE manager. However, a strong PLN includes input from parent leaders on topics to be discussed. For more information on your next PLN, please reach out to your Network FACE manager.