

Parent Involvement Committee Update for January 2008

Our meeting was on Jan 10th 2008. Our speaker was Young Chan Han Parent Involvement Specialist for MSDE. She spoke on "Engaging International Parents in your School." It was a wonderful presentation and very informative. I am sending you the power point presentation since there was just so much information that could be used. My hope is that the various schools could take what fits best into their school's demographics and tailor it for their use.

We also learnt about a program that Ms. Chan-Han is responsible for starting in Howard County that has benefited the county tremendously called "International Parent Leadership Program." I really believe it would benefit us in Montgomery County. The only thing is it, that it is for a group of up to 20 parents at a time. The cost of it is flowers for the presenters and a location. I am thinking that I could work on getting it done at no cost to us, and trying out on a cluster level. If I can get it done for the Wheaton Cluster as a pilot, would that work? Then based on the success of it we can go out to the various clusters who would want to use it. What do you think?

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