**Parent & Family Engagement Policy**

Support at home:

The way that parents communicate with their children and support their children at home greatly impacts a student’s success at school. Parents can support their student’s learning through:

* role modeling
* reading with their children
* talking with their students about school and behavior at school
* encouragement
* support with homework

Communication with the school:

On-going communication with the school and teachers is vital to children being successful at school. Parents are encouraged to:

* stay informed through the Felix Cook website and Facebook page
* attend parent-teacher conferences, and
* email, call or set up a meeting with the classroom teacher

Volunteering:

Parents can actively support the education of children by supporting the school and teachers in education in the classroom and during educational events. Some volunteering options include (all volunteers must be approved through VIPS procedures):

* volunteer in the classroom supporting instruction or preparing materials
* chaperone students on a field trip
* help in the library
* volunteer for the PTA committee

Decision Making:

Parent involvement in school decisions supports the school in ensuring a collaborative leadership model and in meeting the needs of all stakeholders. Parents can support with decision making through:

* become a member of the Shared Decision-Making Committee (SDMC)
* take a leadership role on the PTA

Community events:

The Cook Parent Teacher Association (PTA) in collaboration with the team of teachers on the Parent Engagement Committee plan community events throughout the school year. Parents can support these events through:

* supporting the PTA in organizing community events
* joining the fundraising committee of the PTA
* volunteering at a community event
* bringing their children to a community event