

KCIA FACE Team

October Board Meeting Report
Monthly Report-September 2023



Our Team



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FACE TEAM

Strategic Goals

1. Minimize barriers to academic achievement by connecting students and families to easily accessible resources that support physical needs.
2. Support, sustain and strengthen student and family well-being.
3. Sustain a welcoming, inclusive school culture where parents and families feel a sense of belonging and connection to the learning experiences of their children and in which parents advocate for their children's learning needs.

FACE Team Strategic Plan Objectives



1

Administer an annual needs/interest survey and use the results to refine direction for parent engagement and wrap around service offerings.



2

Implement a minimum of 3 large school wide family engagement events per year.



3

Offer at least 2 family learning workshops or learning series per year.



4

Maintain consistent 2-way home-school communications with a minimum of 4 FACE Team: Family contacts per year with every KCIA family.

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Implement a needs assessment protocol and prioritize additional supports for families of students with 2 or more risk factors: poor attendance, high rate of behavior referrals, loss of housing, failing grades.



6

Distribute simplified Infinite Campus login credentials to parents, prioritizing grades 3-8 for access to student grades.

FACE Team Resources and Services



Van Pickups

AM pickups for missed buses



Food Pantry

Resources for food scarcity and economic need



Caring Closet

Clothing, shoes, coats



Giving the Basics

Resources for toiletries and household items



Housing Assistance

For families in transition, seeking shelter



Health Supports

Connections to dental, vision, medical and mental health resources

September-2023 Key Numbers

50

Caring Closet/Food Pantry
Event

2

Health Supports

3

Housing Resources

KC International Academy

New Refugee Resource Event-Friday, Sept. 22, 2023



KCIA Family Participants

Today, KCIA provided opportunities for participating families to select from the following items:

- 22 Families participated in today's event
 - Participating families have recently arrived from refugee camps in Kenya, Thailand and from Afghanistan and South America.
 - Home countries include Honduras, Mexico, Guatemala, Burma, Ethiopia, Somalia, Syria and Afghanistan.
 - New refugee and immigrant families often lack physical resources such as food, clothing and furniture upon initial arrival to the US.
- Flour, sugar, oil
 - Pasta, beans, rice
 - Canned vegetables, fresh fruits
 - Frozen chicken
 - Milk
 - Shoes and socks
 - Underwear
 - Pants, shirts and sweatshirts



Coordinator & Liaison Reports



Alison Bennett

September was BUSY as we focused on preparing for upcoming events all while ensuring the daily needs of the students and their families are met. Our Team met with Revolución Educativa (Rev ED) to gain insight into what services they could provide our school community. They offer classes and resources that target the Hispanic community. We gained a lot of information from the meeting.

We attended the first Impact MO session this year. We are excited about the changes that have been made with the program and can't wait to start bringing our families to this monthly community event.

Nargis remains at CMH and Ahmad and I were able to visit with her and her mother for a couple hours. Northpoint provided the family with a gift card to WalMart and a Visa gift card to help with essential needs. Both Mom and Dad are extremely thankful for the support that they are receiving, not only for Nargis but for themselves and the younger children.

The FACE Team held its first Caring Closet/Food Pantry event of the school year on our PD Day. We served 50 students with new clothing, household essentials and food. Using our connection in the community, I was also able to bring fresh fruits and vegetables, frozen chicken and gallons of milk to the event.

One of my families has struggled with housing and was residing at a local homeless shelter. We worked as a team with a Housing Solution Consultant and assisted the mother and her four children with finding an apartment within a week or so. She is moved in and extremely thankful to have her own space to share with her children. I made a referral to Sleepyhead Beds for beds for the family and am working on finding them other items for their new home.

There have been van rides, eye appointments, food pantry and caring closet appointments, parent meetings and several meetings in the community. Our focus for October will be our Trunk or Treat/Movie Night event and Parent Teacher Conferences.



LaTeasha Randle

The 23-24 school year has gotten off to a great start. This month we began to see more needs from our students and their families. Several students were scheduled for eye appointments. We continued to work on making contact with our families on our caseload. We began plans for our upcoming Trunk or Treat event as well as logistics for PTC (Parent Teacher Conferences) This year we plan to show a movie after kids visit trunks during Trunk or Treat! Last year Truck or Treat was a huge success and with adding the movie afterwards we are hoping for an even bigger success. We have asked for middle school student council members to sell popcorn and chips and use the proceeds for future needs of the student council.

The FACE Team members all attended the first IMPACT MO event together. We were able to this event as a team and discussed best practices and ways that IMPACT MO would best benefit our families. This month I was able to pick up KCIA's first order from Giving The Basics. GTB provides additional hygiene and basic household items for our families.

One family on my caseload hit an extremely rough spot during this month. Mom had some major medical issues which caused the family to need some additional help with food. I was able to use funds from a private donor to help this family with food.

Finally I ended the month to attending the monthly KC Ear meeting. During this months meeting Keys Realty Group was in attendance. They presented the loan services and other programs that their company offers. KRG will be in attendance this year during our PTC. They will have information available for their new loan program that they offer. I look forward hopefully starting and continuing a relationship that our families are able to benefit from and become first time and long time homeowners!.



Nohemi Sanchez

Best wishes to Nohemi Sanchez on her maternity leave!



Welcome Elizabeth Alithzel Sanchez



