

ACTION REPORT

FAMILY & COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS STEERING COMMITTEE

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The Family & Community Partnerships Steering Committee supports the work of the Office of Family & Community Partnerships at MNPS. This team previously mainly supported the work of Community Achieves but expanded in recent years to support all FCP programs to coincide with each of the programs being brought together under the Family and Community Partnerships umbrella. This department comprises 5 teams: Community Achieves, Family Engagement, Extended Learning, Grants & Data, and Partnerships, Impact & Engagement, which support enhancing relationships and partnerships among MNPS, the schools, and community partners.



Steering Committee members collaborate to review newly developed partner toolkit & FAQ

The focus areas for the year were

1. Establish a shared understanding of the newly merged FCP department
2. Co-design and support a framework for cluster-level school partnerships across MNPS
3. Develop resources and provide support for the new District Partner Agreement (DPA) process and system

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OUTCOMES**

KEY FINDINGS

- Cluster-level supports are a new focus of MNPS to ensure that all schools in a cluster have access to needed resources regardless of the supports found in their school building.
- MNPS is launching a new process and system, the District Partner Agreement (DPA) to streamline partnerships for schools and partners while also incorporating additional supports and resources to enhance this experience
- This year, the Steering Committee started off supporting Cluster-Level Support Strategies, but was able to successfully pivot and refocus their attention to support a more pressing priority that arose for the school district in the DPA.

Family & Community Partnerships Steering Committee outcomes for 2024–2025 include:

- Members learned about the new mission and vision of the recently created Office of Family & Community Partnerships within MNPS, expanded team structure (including the new PIE and Grants & Data teams), and cluster-level support as a priority strategy moving forward.
- The Steering Committee created a community-focused partner engagement toolkit and an FAQ developed to support the rollout of MNPS’s new District Partner Agreement (DPA) and CRM to streamline the partnership process. The Steering Committee was able to provide valuable insights to adapt these to ensure they included information that partners needed to hear regarding the DPA and CRM rollout.
- The Steering Committee also provided valuable input on draft messaging and communications strategies for the rollout of MNPS’s new tiered partnership system. Discussions helped refine the language and elevator pitch for clarity, inclusivity, and impact.

Snapshots of Family & Community Partnerships programming in the 24-25 school year



**Extended Learning
programming
at Casa Azafrán**



**FCP staff assisting with
food donation packaging at
Second Harvest Food Bank**



**Resource fair at the 2nd
annual College & Career
Readiness Summit**

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