



**Central Iowa Out-of-School Time Network
Meeting Agenda**

Friday, November 21, 2014

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

United Way of Central Iowa, Leadership Room
1111 9th St #100; Des Moines, IA 50314

Updates from the OST Initiative

- Beyond the Bell Start-Up Guide Resources
 - Mary Daily Lange talked about the training that she and the literacy coaches attended in October, citing a favorite quote that says, "The largest room in the world is the room for improvement." They have the full book of tools and are happy to share with anyone interested in help with a certain area of running OST programs. Some sample tools are on the "Resources" page of the wiki: <http://ostinitiative.wikispaces.com/Resources>
- Frontline Staff Leadership Training Series Update
 - Kate McCormick shared the topics from the first two of the trainings. October's session focused on child development, the opportunity gap, and how OST can be the crucial piece in filling that gap, as well as site culture and environment. November's session was on theme planning around a book or other subject of interest.
- PACE Summer Planning
 - Melissa Williams and Angela Cardamon shared the plans that PACE already has in place for next summer's programming, which are theme-based with mini-themes on one read-aloud book per week. The theme then incorporates activities using art, math, music, science, and more. It's hard to believe it, but now is the time to start planning for summer already!

Des Moines Schools Community Partnerships Presentation

Allyson Vukovich, Community Partnerships Coordinator, and Lyn Marchant, Community School Coordinator at East High, presented about the innovative practices DMPS is putting into place to make sure every child will be happy and successful.

- DMPS seeks to establish community partnerships with organizations and programs who are meeting the needs of students in seven targeted service areas. Once

partnerships have been established, with MOUs and student releases taken care of, DMPS will be able to share student data such as attendance and reading levels with programs, allowing them to work together in better serving all students. The seven targeted service areas are:

- Tutoring
- Mentoring
- Academic and Career Planning
- Student Activities
- Family Engagement
- Social/Emotional Development
- School-Based Therapy
- Allyson noted four essential qualities to building successful partnerships:
 - Communication
 - Shared Accountability
 - Respectful Relationships
 - Leadership Mind-Service Heart
- Allyson shared the following video to illustrate the goal of establishing Community Schools: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P8GaUJEP2h0>
 - Each of the five Des Moines high schools has a Community Schools Coordinator, who is in charge of the high school and its feeder schools. The DMPS Community Schools Goals are:
 - Foster effective school-community relationships toward improved student outcomes.
 - Support 8th to 9th grade transitions with an emphasis on improved student engagement
 - Improve students' community engagement and social awareness.
Contact you Community Schools Coordinator if you would like Silver Cord Program volunteers from the high schools to help by volunteering in your program!
 - Increase family engagement with schools.
 - Growth of Community School Program
- Allyson stressed that the goal is not to create competition between DMPS activities and community-based programs, but rather to close the crack and make sure that there are services for ALL of our students!

Community Schools Coordinator Contacts are listed here:

<http://www.dmschools.org/departments/school-services/community-schools/>