



School: JFK

Date: 2/28/2018

Time: 5:00pm- 5:30pm

Total in Attendance: 24

CAP Mid-Year Parent Focus Group: JFK School

We began with welcoming the parents and handing them a sheet with the questions we were going to ask so that they could have some time to think about their answers. The meeting was separated into two groups based on grade. The questions and responses were the following:

1) Why did you choose to enroll your child in CAP? Answered included:

- The convenience of being able to pick up children after work means that they do not have to take any time off. (4)
- It is a better option for children than having them at home, watching TV, or on tablets. Instead, they are in an environment where they can be active and learn.
- It helps their children to continue learning and participate in great activities. Parents' notice children read more and have better confidence with their speaking.
- Children have homework help and 1-on-1 time if they need it.
- One parent chose not to enroll their child in CAP at first because they were told by a friend not to. She regrets not enrolling them sooner because her friend did not know how much the program improved and since enrolling her child both their lives have been much better.

2) How is CAP helping to support your child and your family? Answers included:

- The fact that the program is in the same school the child already attends.
- The program is very cost-efficient.
- Keeps children focused on school work and they come home with homework done.
- Parents can stay at work longer which helps them better support their family.
- Showing children how to complete work before play, even when at home.

3) Does your child appear happy at the end of a day in CAP? Answers Included:

- Yes, they are Happy after a day in CAP. (All)
- Children always say they had a great time.
- Children come home tired but happy after a long day of physical activities.
- Children are happy they are shown different ways to complete their homework.
- Yes, especially when they do artwork and bring it to show their parents.

- Children come home with more stories about what they did in CAP than during the school day itself.

4) Do you find events like Exhibition helpful/enjoyable? Answers Included:

- Yes (All)
- One parent said she was impressed with how much her child knew about what they were presenting, that she would've thought the material was too advanced for his level.
- Parents were able to oversee how their children did research on their topics and showed parents how to assist their children with projects. (2)
- It gave parents insight into what the kids had been working on.
- Parents got to learn things they didn't know from the children.
- It gave the opportunity for kids for socialize and work together.

5) Do you find the parent workshops helpful? (Topics so far this year: Mindfulness/Depression/Anxiety, The Dangers of Opioids, Healthy Parenting, Interpersonal Effectiveness)

- Yes they found it helpful because it keeps parents informed.
- It helps parents learn skills to be better parents.
- Parents were grateful that the carver even offers parent workshops.
- It has helped reduce their stress.
- The evening workshops work perfectly for parents.

6) What can we do to improve the CAP program for your child and your family? Answers Included:

- On days where movies are shown, child complains that they are bored and the parent feels that if children are engaged and told to focus on a theme or are asked a question, they may have more interest on movie days.
- Parents feel the policy about absence or being taken out of programming early should be more flexible. Sometimes they have afternoons off and want to spend time with their children but fear losing their space in CAP.
- Help parents understand the newer methods of math and homework help so that they can help their children as well. (2)
- Swimming Classes (3)
- More art, painting, and hands on activities.

7) Would you recommend the CAP program to another family? Why? Why not? Answers Included:

- Everyone unanimously answered, yes.
- It helps both parents and children.

- Yes, children usually come home with their homework completed.
- It helps children that are falling behind in school to catch up.
- Great hours for pick-up and it is a very low price for such a great program.
- Always keeps kids minds learning even when they are out of school. CAP has instilled responsibility into children.
- Parents agreed J.B. cares so much about the children and is an excellent director. One parent expressed how grateful they were because J.B. stayed and waited with her child when the parent was running late. This showed her that her daughter is in an environment where she is valued and very cared about and on those grounds would recommend it.

Summary: The parents in this workshop had very good things to say about the program and the director, emphasizing that they are very thankful for it. Their concerns were only really about early pick-up and its consequences and being taught how to better help their children excel. When asked if they would recommend the program to other families everyone quickly said, yes.