

Family Crew Organization Meeting Minutes

February 4, 2022

9:00 a.m.

GreenWood Auditorium

Chair person: Kara Lyon

Administrator: Tracey Nelsen

Greeting: Share with your neighbor one thing you are looking forward to this weekend.

Reading: Honoring Diversity: We each belong to this community and have compassion and respect for others. We value conclusions drawn from the rigorous analysis of data and not merely from popular opinion. We develop the social intelligence necessary to embrace the diversity of people, perspectives, and ideas. We value honest relationships, communicate openly, and support each other. We collaborate for success, drawing on each other's complementary strengths and skills. We care.

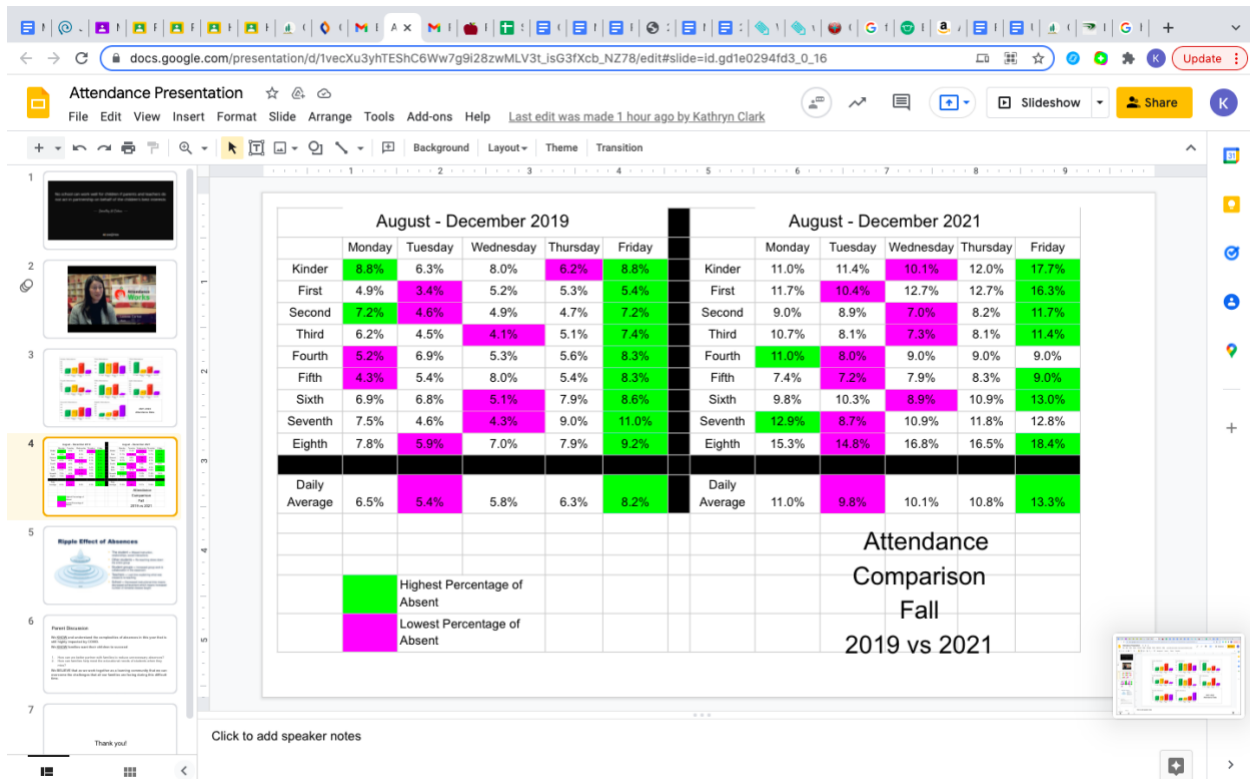
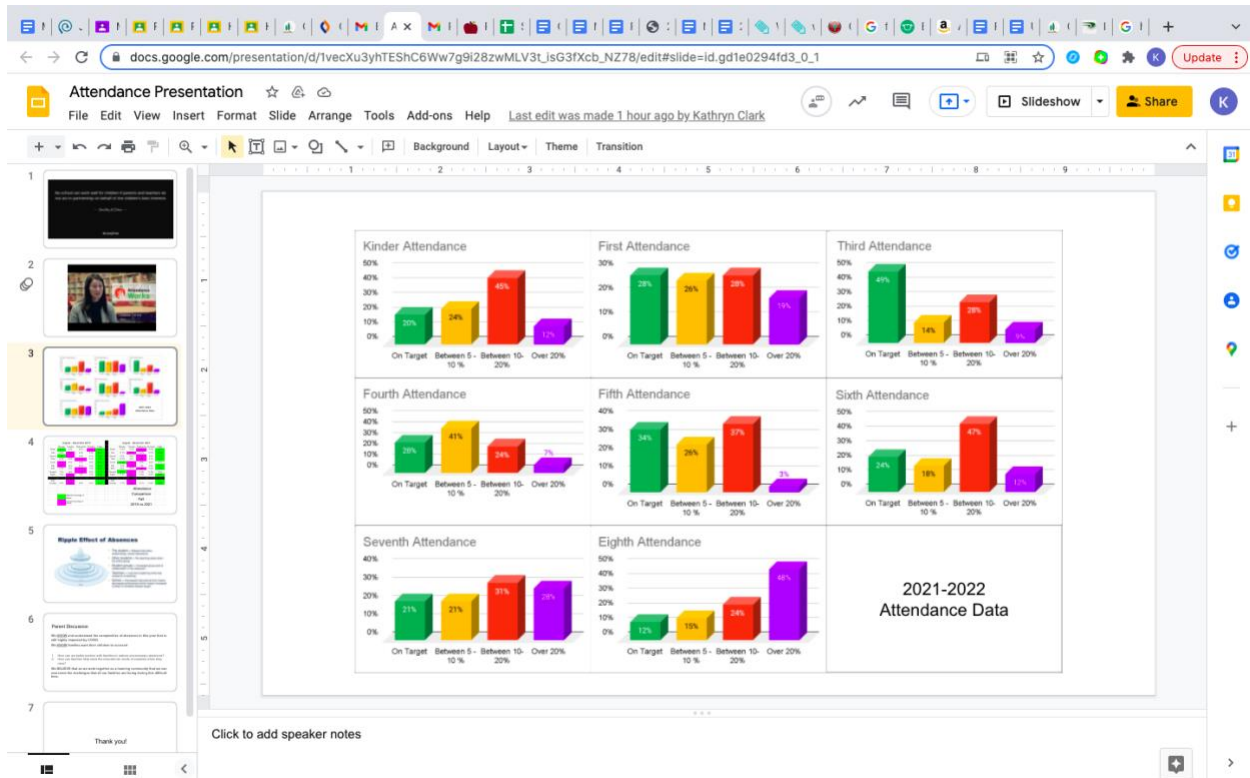
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Meeting Objective: To inform parents of where we currently stand with volunteer opportunities, attendance, and upcoming events.

Agenda Items:

1. Mrs. Nelsen & Mrs. Clark-
 - Informative presentation on attendance and how important attendance is, and specifics on how our school is doing this year on attendance. Check out these links and graphics!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xj9OvL4Ugt8>

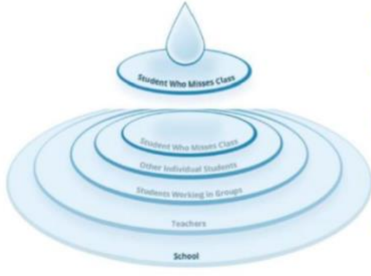


Attendance Presentation

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Ripple Effect of Absences



- The student = Missed instruction, relationships, social interactions
- Other students = Re-teaching slows down the entire group
- Student groups = Increased group work & collaboration in the classroom
- Teachers = Lost time explaining what was missed & re-teaching
- School = Decreased instructional time means decreased achievement which means increased number of remedial classes taught

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2. Group Discussion:

What are the obstacles that are preventing children from getting to school?

1. Parents mentioned that sometimes we don't realize that our kid has even missed that much school. That's why the letters are helpful!
2. Parents have been confused on how to report an absence. ***You may call the office or report it on our school website at this link (which is accessed from the home page)**
<https://www.greenwoodcharter.org/excuse-student-absence>
3. Parents have been unsure of when to send their child to school or when to keep them home when they are sick. ***See our COVID procedures on our website and on our facebook page!**
<https://www.greenwoodcharter.org/covid-19>
4. Parents are unsure of all of our policies and procedures around absences. ***We will try to make this easier for you to find on our Website.***

What are some obstacles that are preventing parents from coming to parent meetings and volunteering more at GreenWood.

2. Parents of young children don't know which volunteer opportunities are friendly towards bringing younger siblings with them. *Kara will be better at making this more clear when she's asking for volunteers *
3. Parents would like more consistency with how the meetings are being offered - the question of whether meetings will be only in-person or only via zoom or both, and the last minute changes are too confusing *We have listened to your feedback and so from now on, these meetings will be offered in-person AND on Zoom every time! (I'm sorry for the confusion. I just thought we'd try something new, but it apparently was not working ;)) Just please be aware that holding a hybrid (in-person+zoom) meeting is sometimes difficult for the administrators and/or chair person to engage with those joining via Zoom. We will continue to work on our skills, though. We are also open to feedback and ideas :) Still, we've realized that many parents don't have the option of coming in-person and would still like to attend via Zoom, even though it's not a perfect system. We appreciate that!
4. Parents don't always know what is going on at the school or where they can help. *For your information, we do have an FCO page on our website. We will make a point to keep this page more up to date, but here is the link <https://www.greenwoodcharter.org/fco-family-crew-organization>

Here are some ideas that were brought up and some ideas that Kara and the administration had as we were brainstorming: sign-ups at the meetings; sign-ups or flyers available in the office; update the FCO bulletin board that is in the entryway of the school next to the auditorium door; reminder text messages to parents the night before or morning of meetings; be more active on facebook; more family-related school activities (such as a literacy and/or math night).

If you have more ideas, PLEASE feel free to email Kara with any more ideas @ klyon@greenwoodcharter.org. I would love to hear from you!

Announcements:

1. Upper Grove dance postponed to the Spring
2. Carry Kindness Week - February 14-18. Reach out to your kiddo's teacher to see if there are in-class volunteer opportunities if you want to help
3. Book Fair - week of March 14-18

Action Items: Look for a survey that will be coming your way next week to find out how YOU would be interested in volunteering at GreenWood, and how we can be better at serving you!

Next Meeting date & Place: March 4, 2022. In-Person and via ZOOM (I promise :))