Family Partnerships
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Final Project Reflection

Well thought out project. Timeline is doable and each step of the project in clear.

For my final project, with combining the teacher interview assignment, and the community resource guide assignment, I decided to make and plan an event that would be helpful for the school, community, and for families and parents and students to help come together. This would be beneficial for teachers and everyone including families, students, and parents and also and for the community.

The three component reasons why I chose this specific event and how it relates to the teacher interview assignment, the community resource guide assignment, and now for this assignment, is because one, from the teacher interview, the teacher I interviewed stated that there are some families and parents that do not spend time with their children and or go to any special events to spend time with them, so this event would help that problem because with this event, it would give a chance for the students and the families and parents to spend time together while bowling and enjoying each other’s company.

Another component reason why this event would be helpful is because in the teacher interview, the teacher said that there is a need to help families and their child make friendships with other families and their child, so to help this problem, for this event, families and students and parents can enjoy other families and parents and students company by laughing, talking, and making new friends and helping each other bowl if some students needed help. Another component reason as to why this event would be helpful for the school and community and teachers is that in the teacher interview, the
teacher said that there seems to be a problem when events happen and they send out invitations, flyers or posters out to the community and parents and families, that only certain types of families and or parents are invited. So, to help this problem, for my event, this event is fun and will help this problem because all types of families are allowed to come and bowl together with their children and with other families and parents. There are no restrictions with what types of families are invited. All types of families are invited to come out and have fun with bowling and having pizza and soda. Families such as single parent with children, same sex families, mother daughter/father daughter families, step families, are all invited to come along with traditional families as well and even more types of families and or parents. Lastly, the last component reason why this event would help the school and community is because in the teacher interview, the teacher explained that whenever events happen, there are no parent volunteers that may want to help out. So, to help this problem out, this event is helpful because there would be sign-up sheets for volunteers to write them names down if they wanted to help out at the bowling event. With having volunteers at this event, this helps with volunteers being a part of the event along with being there for the children and the volunteers being there at the event, it can make and help the children and or students be happy and it boosts their self esteem because they know that when volunteers are at the event and they help out, it makes the children know that the volunteers are a part of their lives and it makes them feel happy that they would help out at the events and with their children’s lives when it comes to outside school community event with lots of families and parents with their children and students around. When volunteers help out at the community school events, children are happy because they
know that the volunteers have an interest in their children’s lives and that they care and when volunteers along with the parents and families and students in the community care, it makes this whole event a great success and a success for the community and children and with the families and parents, and also help the school and the involvement since the teacher told me that in order to help these problems and with the school and the community.

To help plan and coordinate this event, there is a lot of steps that need to be done in order for this event to happen. Since my event is happening in May.

In March, I Will:

- Contact Happy Tymes Bowling Center located in Warrington PA, and let them know that I am planning a Family Bowling Night and would want to have it at their place.

- Then while meeting with them, I would tell them the date, time, and where the event would take place even though it is already going to be their place, and that I would need to reserve some bowling lanes and check with the café and let them while asking them if they would be willing to make Pizza and provide Soda.

- Then I would tell them once I hand out flyers at the school and to parents and families and students, I would wait for the phone calls and wait for the families and parents to let me know if they will be attending or not.

- After meeting with the people at Happy Tymes, I would start to design posters, special flyers and hand-outs to send out to parents and families and students home with them when they leave school to let their parents know that the school will be
hosting a Family Fun Night Bowling and that all are welcome and everyone can come to bowl and have pizza and soda and have fun and enjoy everybody's company.

- While making my posters and flyers and hand-outs, I will include the date, time, and place it is going to be held at while also giving the r.s.v.p. date and the number where people can contact to let me know if they will be able to make it or not. At the bottom of the flyer, hand-outs, and posters, I will have the contact information telling parents, families, and students who to contact which is Crooked Billet Elementary School and the number for them to call and r.s.v.p.

**In April, I Will:**

- Will ask any friends, family members and or students to help hang up the flyers and posters up on the walls in the school, and also to ask them if anyone would like to help volunteer for this event and what they can do to help volunteer at this event.

- Will be waiting to hear responses from the parents and or families and students to see if they will be able to make it to the event and how many people will be attending.

- Start gathering decorations that I will hang up and start to decorate the bowling place along with providing napkins, plates, and utensils for everyone when they eat and drink their pizza and soda.
• Put up or send out a volunteer sheet and reach out to the parents and the families to see if any of them would like to help volunteer and the event, and let them know what areas would be most helpful during the event that the volunteers could help volunteer with.

**In May I Will:**

• The first week in May, send out a reminder out to give to the students to give to their parents and family members to remind them that the fun night bowling is coming up. Will also send out phone call blasts to each family and parents to remind them if they did not get the handout reminder from the students.

• Will contact the Happy Tymes place and check with them how many pizza’s and soda’s they will be providing, and also make sure that all the bowling lanes and alleys will need to be reserved for the families and parents and students that are coming.

• The day of the event, in the morning, along with myself, contact and have the volunteers come to the Happy Tymes place help set up by hanging the decorations, putting up chairs and tables, and setting up napkins and plates and cups and utensils for the families and parents and students to use when eating the pizza and soda.

• Contact and send out a reminder out to the volunteers that wanted to come out and help for this event and let them know what time to come and what they can do during the event to help out.
The four citations that support why this event is important and how it connects with this book at why planning events helps the school and the community and parents and families with students and children for it to be a success and to have a good relationship is because, “Activities that are reflective of community values will increase families’ level of comfort and result in cultural cohesiveness between school and home” (Grant & Ray, 2013, p. 314). Another reason citation is that, “Make sure to prepare a brief anonymous exit survey slip to solicit family responses after the gathering. This will provide important feedback that can guide planning for future family events. Two or three brief questions with an open space for suggestions, as show in table 13.2, works well” (Grant & Ray, 2013, p. 314). Another reason citation is that, “It is common for whole school events to be offered; however, a classroom-based event can also be a teacher-family bonding experience” (Grant & Ray, 2013, p. 317). Lastly, another reason is that “In addition, teachers should have specific objectives in mind for the events, followed by revisions for future events, based on family responses, with the goal of increasing family-centered learning” (Garcia & Hasson, 2004) (Grant & Ray, 2013, p.313).
References