



ACTIVITIES IN THE SMALL SCHOOL

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On your notecard...

- Why did you come to this session?
 - What do you hope to gain?
 - What do you hope to learn?
 - What is a question you would like answered?



WHERE I AM FROM

My School...

- Public Charter School- opened in 2000
- TK- 12
 - Primary Charter- 400 students
 - Discovery Charter- 400 Students
 - Millennium High School- 550 students

About Me...

- At Tracy Learning Center for 13 years
- Lead activities in
 - 5/6 (5 years)
 - 7/8 (1 year)
 - high school (4 years)



BENEFITS OF SMALL SCHOOLS

Benefits of Being in a Small School

- Know all teachers and have a personal relationship
- See most (sometimes all!!) staff every day
- Have a personal relationship with many students
- Know student body well
- Students know you from the time they are in kindergarten

Relationships with Staff

- Professional AND Personal Relationships with all staff
 - Know food preferences, dietary restrictions, personality and work styles, etc.
- Know teaching styles and communication preferences
- Know their 'Love Language'



Relationships with Students

- Often teach some students for multiple years
 - Able to see growth, changes in behavior
- Establish long term relationships with students
- Build trust with students
- Students are able to participate in a variety of events and teams

Community Buy-in

- Parents and community members feel connected to the school
- Parents and community members know they are welcome in the school and are a part of the school community
- Parents know they are welcome to bring ideas and activities to the school.



CHALLENGES FOR SMALL SCHOOLS

Staff Support

- Fewer Staff members means more individual responsibility
 - Coaching, band, color guard, drama
 - Same staff members volunteer for all events- sporting events, dances, concerts, etc.
- Burn out
- Fewer other staff members for support

Low Student Population

- Getting new kids for participation each time is not possible
- Students have to pick what they want to participate in due to time conflict



QUESTIONS FROM THE ROAD

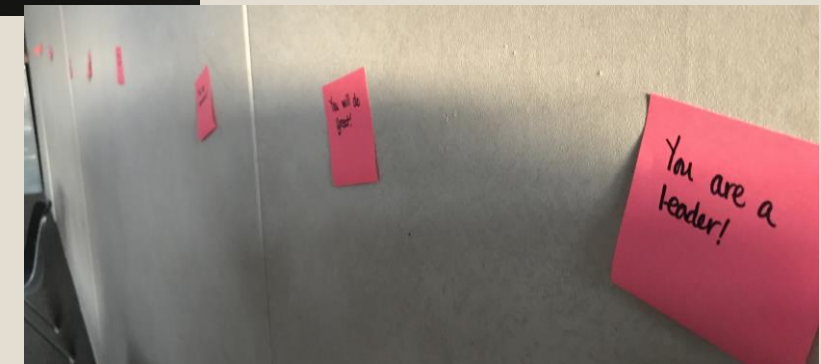
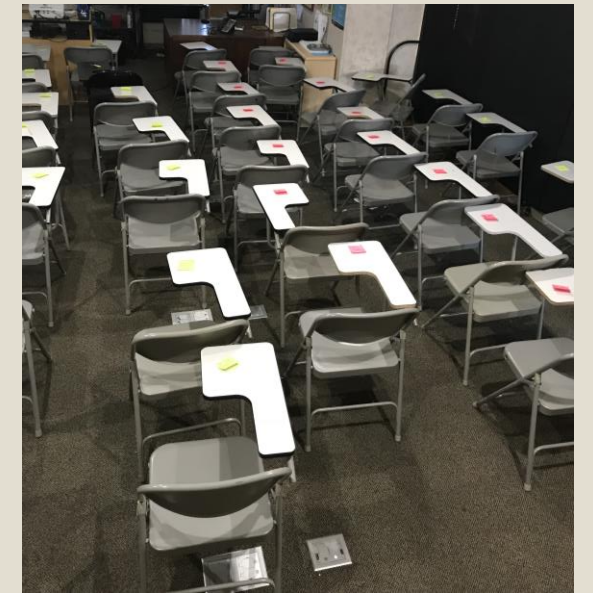
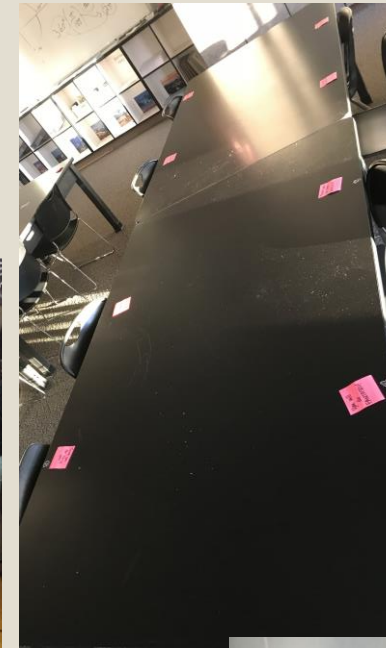
How do you build school spirit with no athletic teams?

- Band
- Color Guard
- Drama
- Clubs
 - Dance Team
 - AcaDec
 - Speech and Debate



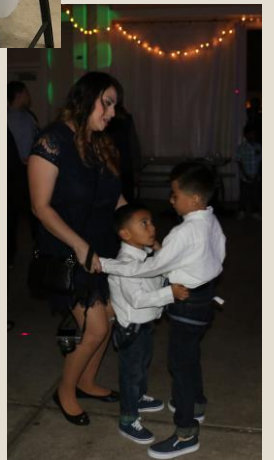
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- Community Involvement
 - Community Service
 - Internships
 - Parents



How do you fundraise to get money for events?

- Crab Feed
- Father- Daughter and Mother- Son Dances
- Self-Funded through Dances
- Jog-A-Thon



Peer Pros

- Time for your questions and answers!!!