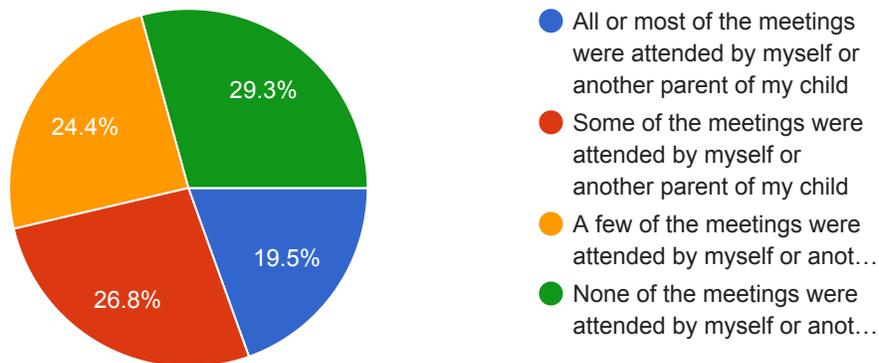


3 Minute Anonymous Survey for Open Classroom Parents

41 responses

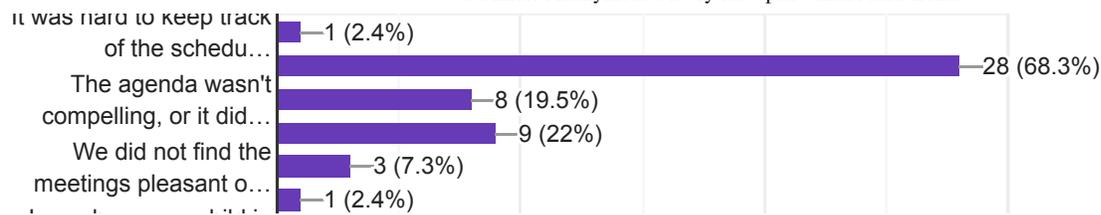
In the 2018-2019 school year, how frequently did you or another parent of your child attend the parents meeting?

41 responses



What were some of the reasons you or another parent of your child didn't attend more meetings? (check all that apply)

41 responses



What changes might encourage you or another parent of your child to attend more frequently?

41 responses

Snacks for adults and kids ;-)

Variety of meeting times. Wednesdays don't always work for our family. Also, more community building and parent education topics

If I knew we were going to be talking more about the open classroom experience and less about fundraising, budgets etc. I feel those could be separate meetings.

Having meetings earlier.

I like the idea of having more opportunity for personal connections. My favorite meeting was when we played tag.

Have the meetings and agenda set by a parent committee.

Parents lead the meetings and set topics.

Start the meeting at 7 or 7:30. I'm never ready by 6:30 because I have to feed my kids.

Less updates and more meaty discussions on the program, collaboration with parents on new or reengineered.

This is hard to say. Hopefully I can come more next year.

Possible to have meetings at lunchtime at school sometimes? During day might work better for some.

None

make meetings (or a minimum attendance) mandatory so more are involved

Better content around what the kids are learning at Open. Writing progression, math progression, reading progression. Educational content and parent connection. Amy McConnell would be a great person to lead the nuts and bolts of Open Classroom. She is joyful and inspiring and captures the program beautifully. I would say definitely all new parents should have a Q&A with her to learn about the program and district. There is a lot of emphasis on social emotional learning but to have a well rounded program, academics need to be explained as well to parents. It makes the program feel loosey goosey and is a turn off.

if it happened during the early afternoon I'd go - I am away from my child all day until dinnertime or sometimes later, and I can't justify losing an evening with him each month.

If Open Classroom was truly "open" to new ideas or evolving. Keeping the good stuff that makes OC special and lovely, while truly listening to parents concerns and thoughts on education and evolving to present day needs.

Tough to answer-my work schedule doesn't allow me to get home until 7:30-8 PM and by then the meeting is most likely almost over or partly over.

A tighter agenda with actual parent education and less parent whining.

If the meetings were earlier or right after school

If there were a taco truck there I could get my dinner from (pizza wouldn't be a draw for me, as I can't eat gluten or dairy... but might be for many parents)

Have dinner provided, make the agenda short and to the point

Shorter meeting at an earlier time

Earlier time with childcare for preschool age children

earlier meeting time

N/A

This year the day of the week conflicted with another evening event I have.

I'm grateful there is childcare and that the teachers take time to meet with us monthly - we come as often as we can and only miss a meeting if we have a schedule conflict

The Rimini has is good I just have a job that doesn't always allow me to attend

Perhaps stronger facilitation, or more focus on creating outcomes to make sure that the meetings are productive.

More changes to the busyness of our schedules mainly.

A more concise format and earlier in the evening.

Having an rsvp system

Not sure

Earlier, different days

We will continue to attend as many as we can.

Now that my son older we can try and attend. Was too late for us until now

Less work.

I know there is no way to find a day/time that would work for everyone. For me, I have a commitment every Wednesday evening so I can never make Wednesdays. I wish I could!

Have the meetings earlier sometimes

Parent education about things to know for co-oping parents about teaching methods. Do's and don'ts, etc. Also I like Amy's idea about parent connection time. My husband likes the idea of games.

Work schedule just doesn't work--evenings are too hard. A morning weekend a month might work better?

Is there anything else you'd like to tell us about your parent meeting experience?

18 responses

There is not alignment with what the parents want/need any what the teachers present.

I always want to go, but the timing is hard for me.

I have appreciated when I could go that I got to know community and offer input, but have found it hard to fit it in to busy work/family schedule and they feel more optional than essential.

Larry may be good with kids but drives me and many others away from the meetings! Harsh, but fact.

I think parents would like to see some more action items followed through on. For example, people give feedback and then there is no formal follow up. One example I can recall is parents have been asking for more guidance as co-ops but I haven't seen any formal trainings happening to meet this need.

I like going to the parent meetings. The last one I missed I simply didn't finish making/eating dinner in time... I should have had better time management

I find the consensus process irritating and out of date, and prefer not to participate in that decision making process - which is unfortunate because that means I don't get to vote.

It's nice to have all the parents and teachers together. Hearing from the other teachers and what's happening in there class rooms.

it would be helpful if the meetings began on time and had a fixed date (ie 1st wednesday for example)

I like smaller group meeting. It was more effective and I get to understand what was in the agenda more than a big group meeting. However, I understand why the meetings have to have as many people as possible.

We should try to keep the meeting date regardless of weather. A few times I planned to come and it was changed and then I couldn't make it to the next one.

My favorite part of the meeting is getting to hear from the teachers about what's going on in the classroom or getting to hear from other parents and Ben a part of the community

It's a great forum

I don't really enjoy them
I'd like to suggest themes or having interactive intersections to engage people more.

Did not attend due to personal reasons

Sometimes the meetings are too much because of LEAP, PTO, etc.

The time I went I thought it was fun but kept wanting to raise The Fist of Protest.

I love the meetings.

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