



## SEEING THE PROGRAM IN ACTION



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# LEARNING SHARING, & CARING TOGETHER

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# VIBRANT MINDS CHARTER SCHOOL

## PARENT INVOLVEMENT IS JUST ONE REASON VIBRANT MINDS CHARTER SCHOOL IS THE SCHOOL EVERYONE LOVES.

At Vibrant Minds Charter School, families are an integral part of the development of our school. We value the voice, choice, and leadership of parents to help shape, develop, and strengthen the vision of the school's future. Parents serve through amazing contributions of time, service, talents, donations, and promotion.

Our founding director, Dr. Schroeder, envisioned an educational opportunity for scholars that is co-created through the participation of scholars, parents, community, and educators. All ideas are welcomed!

Vibrant Minds Charter School maintains a positive school climate that creates the best educational experiences for our scholars through surveys, meetings, one-on-one discussions, and leadership roles that represent the voices of the families.

We believe this philosophy of co-creation gives parents an opportunity to be active participants in their children's education. Through our combined efforts, we are: "A School that families love."

## THIS IS OUR SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL

Our School Site Council (SSC) is comprised of teachers, parents, and classified employees. The members work with the director to develop, review, and evaluate school improvement programs and budgets. The SSC member representatives are elected by their peers. Parents elect classified parent members (four), classified staff elects a member (one), and certificated staff elects certificated members (two). The director is also part of the SSC.

The SSC meets on a regular basis to make decisions and advise the director on the school budget, academic programs, school improvement plans, parent engagement, safety, and discipline plans.

Members of the SSC represent the families' and staff's viewpoints, decisions, and concerns at the monthly Vibrant Minds Charter School Board Meetings.

The following areas have been developed through the collaboration of our council:

### Academic

- GATE
- STEAM
- Curriculum
- Enrichment

### School Plans

- LCAP
- Budget
- Safety/Disaster Plan

### Community Connection

- Service Projects
- Hosting of Civic Events
- Partnerships with Charitable Organizations

### Budget

- Annual Budget
- Contract Renewal Review
- Grant Proposal/Grantor List

## FAMILY AND STAFF TEAM F.A.S.T.

Vibrant Minds Charter School has a very active parent group called F.A.S.T. that has as its mission to support and empower families to engage in their children's education and support the scholars' learning. This makes an incredible difference for scholars' success and the school's excellence.

We have two major campaigns for fundraising each year, as well as a few smaller events that promote family connections.

All fundraising efforts are utilized to enhance the scholars' educational experiences through:

- Field Trips
- Outdoor Science School
- STEAM
- Visual and Performing Arts
- Family Events
- Little Labs/Big Labs
- Special Events
- Cultural Celebrations

In addition to fundraising, F.A.S.T. has many special events that promote community, family, and holiday experiences:

- Chili Cook Off
- Earth Day
- Holiday Events
- Labrador Gala
- Talent Show
- Multi-Cultural Night

All parents and staff are considered to be members of F.A.S.T. No membership dues are required. All we ask is a willingness to serve and make a difference in our scholars' lives.

Elections for officer positions are held each year at Open House.

## RESOURCES CO-CREATION THROUGH PARENT AND SCHOOL STAFF COLLABORATION

These links and references are a small sample of what has inspired Vibrant Minds Charter School's Co-Creation philosophy.

The Enduring Importance of  
Parental Involvement

[www.neatoday.org/2014/11/18/the-enduring-importance-of-parental-involvement-2](http://www.neatoday.org/2014/11/18/the-enduring-importance-of-parental-involvement-2)

Engaging Stakeholders

[www2.ed.gov/programs/readingfirst/support/stakeholderlores.pdf](http://www2.ed.gov/programs/readingfirst/support/stakeholderlores.pdf)

Parents: Key Stakeholders

[gov.wiseacademies.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/Parents-Key-Stakeholders.pdf](http://gov.wiseacademies.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/Parents-Key-Stakeholders.pdf)

At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child's success is the positive involvement of parents.

- Jane D. Hull