

Franklin Pierce Community Action Network: **POP**

(**Purpose, Outcome, Process**)

Purpose

Concerned about the impact of the pandemic on the greater Parkland community (service by Franklin Pierce School District) and feeling of disconnection of neighbors and resources, a group of community members who live/work in Parkland have united to form the Franklin Pierce Action Network (Network). The goal of the collaborative is to create a more informed and engaged community who are well-resourced and are endowed with civic pride. Through stakeholder listening sessions, the group has determined the highest priority is responding to the needs of our youth and families who share adverse experiences of the pandemic and school cultures disrupted.

The first collective action of the Network will be creating a “first step” program for 8th graders and their families transitioning into high school in an effort to establish a unified effort of building community relationships, providing resources to families and celebrating the richness of Parkland’s history. Through the direction of 8th grade student leaders at Keithley and Ford with consultation from Washington and Franklin Pierce high school leaders, an event unifying these school communities will be held on June 15th.

The Network is composed of representatives from Franklin Pierce School District parent-teacher volunteer groups, United Wa and Franklin Pierce First . The Network will be inviting Blue Zones, State of Play and local vendors to participate.

Students have co-ownership of the program content and have selected a beach theme and title, “Pacific Ave Summer Palooza” including the tag line “WHEN TWO SIDES UNITE” We hope to have as many local Parkland/FP District food truck/caterers there to keep the money in a circle cycle.

We have this event confirmed for June 13, 2023 from 6:00pm - 8:00pm. at the Franklin Pierce Stadium (which is a neutral zone for both sides of the district). We will be providing transportation via bus for families that need transportation that will be available for pick up and drop off at Keithley Middle School.

Outcomes

- Franklin Pierce families:
 - 8th graders and families feel they have a village of support around them and are well-informed of resources as they enter the next stage of learning
 - Families have information and are capable of accessing vital information and services such as SNAP benefits, health resources, career development, post-secondary routes, summer enrichment programs, mentoring and skill development opportunities
 - FP and Washington high schools grow in their pride of Parkland, civic engagement and advancing the well-being of their community
- Parkland:
 - Parkland is recognized for its diverse cultures, skills, abilities, and homegrown resources
 - Parkland businesses and residents are connected through a commitment of civic engagement and shared responsibility of learning and caring for our neighbors

Process

- Network (still drafting)
 - Stakeholder engagement
 - Host series of dialogues with students, parent, FP businesses and nonprofits
 - Invite Parkland vendors to participate in resource fair
 - Serve as coordinating body of stakeholders with primary contact - Kelsey Isaacson - 541.981.8065
 - 8th grade ASB and FP, WA high school leads
 - Secure funding/sponsorship