Open Discussion Forum Template

This form of evaluation is designed to operate similarly to a town hall meeting. Its purpose is to provide parents with the opportunity to discuss matters of importance as it relates to evaluating the content and effectiveness of the parent involvement policy. The Open Discussion Forum can be conducted at the school or district level. It is advised that the Title I Director or a district administrator, as well as the principal, if held at the school level, be present during this meeting. It is important that the administrators understand that their role is to listen and support the open discussion with the objective of gaining the perspectives of parents.

Start with an overview of the current Title I Parental Involvement Plan and Policy.

1. What type of training or programs to improve student academic performance would you be likely to participate in if they were offered by the school?

2. What are some of the top barriers that prevent parents from being able to participate in school functions, activities, and planning events?

3. Explain what the school can do to address these barriers.

4. How can the school assist you with helping your children in the core content areas of mathematics, English language arts, science and social studies?

5. What hours are more convenient to conduct trainings, programs, parent meetings and workshops?

6. Have enough materials been available to assist you with student learning via the Parent Resource Center (PRC)? Explain changes that could be made to improve the PRC.

7. By a show of hands, how many of you are aware of what the school improvement status is for your school? (Explain what the school's status is and where that information can be obtained.)

8. How can we get more parents involved in the revision and planning process of the school's Title I Parental Involvement Plan and Policy and other decision-making committees?