Advisory Committee Guidelines

Establish an Advisory Committee made up of teachers, students, parents, and community members to guide planning and support the school climate of caring and community involvement.

1. Who is on the committee? Think about number of people, diversity of backgrounds and views, and who has a passion for empowering students as caring community members.

2. Set reasonable and incremental goals over time. What is most important, and how will you introduce ideas to gain commitment from the school community? Use the Growing a Philanthropy Garden planning tool or Quick Harvest planning tool found here.

3. Determine frequency of meetings and set goals focusing on equipping teachers and students to build caring communities both in and outside the school.

4. Sample Meeting Agenda
   - Attendees:
   - Issue area or philanthropy skill for our focus (seasonal or identified need):
   - Current goal to advance a caring community:
   - What barriers are present that we can address?
   - Which Learning to Give resources will we share to empower teachers and students?
   - Which tools will we share to train teachers in service-learning?
   - How can we support their work?
   - What vocabulary will empower our students as valued contributors to society (school and community)?
   - Inspiring quote to highlight:
   - Opportunities in this focus area for volunteers (student, family, community):
   - Set goal for next meeting: