Parent Stakeholder Meeting
Emerald Middle School

Questions for each Breakout Group to address:

- What's working?
- What's not?
- What should we try to improve?
- What should we stop doing?

BREAKOUT ROOM #1

What's working?	Hybrid-teachers are doing a great job Safety guidelines are working because we are adhering to them Emerald has done a great job at keeping our students safe because we are not letting sick students on campus. Thank you!
What's not?	Zoom was bad at the beginning Hybrid-not enough time in person, would like three days a week Independent work time does not provide instruction and students are not clear on what to do
What should we try to improve?	Extend hybrid time by increasing the number of days in attendance More homework and more classwork Kids are finishing their assignments too quickly Math worksheets are fine but I prefer the teacher teaching me in person with direct instruction Focus students on instruction I want a five day model but the numbers need to stay low, keep the numbers similar to what they are doing now 8th graders need more time in school because they're going to high school next year and they are falling behind
What should we stop doing?	Distance learning-not engaging, students are not understanding content or learning much We need to stop assigning the minimal amount of work possible-Students are finishing work too soon and it is not challenging them enough

BREAKOUT ROOM #2

What's working?	-Likes going to school (better) physically for students because they are able to see the information better from the teacher -thankful for our teaching their kids, better than last year-change this year (second language, different system) -Relationship building with teachers-taking time to engage with them beyond the lessons, what is happening in their lifes -Teachers, helps students -Appreciate what we are doing with the kids, being comfortable, looking forward to being in class -Some do like the camera on for exercise purposes (the accountable piece) -Would rather have daughter go to school five days instead of video chat thing because of concerns with distance learning, understand that families are concerned, concern about student participation when at home, some would like an increase in days but not larger class -Like smaller classes because there is no vaccine - "thank you for opening the school again because kids are learning more then learning on online and can the kids go 3 days to school instead? I want to thank all the people that work at emerld!Keep up the good work!You guys are doing a great job!We appreacite you guys!" -parent mentioned having students at school for more structure due to things happening in their home lives
What's not?	-concern with the dangers for coming to school right now, would prefer online -Internet issues, not always working and that is a problem, we feel more safe when the kids stay at home because the world has lost too many people, concerned about community spread and lack of vaccine
What should we try to improve?	-100% distance learning student, zoom fatigue, considered when approaching the schedule, five days a week all day long on the computer, takes it toll on the students, students on hybrid schedule have time away from the computer -PE: having the children to record themselves that has been an issue for students because they are not comfortable with that, alternative assignments for that-fitness app, has been impacting grade -different schedules with different shifts for teachers so more students can come
What should we stop doing?	

BREAKOUT ROOM #3

What's working?	- Hybrid - Loved the independent time, great staff - DL - Great staff - DL - Communication with teacher - DL - prefers kids to be at home, no internet problems, working well, grades reflect well on how they're doing - DL - Siblings there to help with schoolwork, gets to work at their own pace - DL - Better for the "safety environment" - DL - student voice, "I like staying at home. Everything's good."
What's not?	- Hybrid - New students having difficulty connecting with peers - DL - can't get into Zooms (tech troubles), taking videos on chromebooks a

	challenge (PE) - DL - problems with loaner chromebook (but was able to get it fixed quickly) - Hybrid - keeping track of uploading assignments accurately
What should we try to improve?	- Might want to try Google Meet vs Zoom, doesn't seem to meet the traffic volume - Implement alerts to check if assignments have been completed (with parent notification) ...Google Calendar alerts could be used as a tool for this - Encouraging students who are by themselves to connect with peers, especially for new students - Increased awareness for mental health support and peer connection - More availability for computer tech support
What should we stop doing?	- Using Zoom due to inability to meet traffic volume