



2022

Nevada Family Engagement Summit Report

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The Nevada Family Engagement Summit in Nevada Revised Statutes

The 2011 Legislative Session established the Nevada Family Engagement Summit (Summit) in Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) via [Assembly Bill 224](#). Pursuant to [NRS 385.635\(1\)\(i\)](#), the Office of Parental Involvement and Family Engagement (PIFE) shall “collaborate with the Nevada State Parent Information and Resource Center, the Parent Training and Information Centers, the Nevada Parent Teacher Association, the Advisory Council and the teachers who are trained to serve as liaisons between to parents and legal guardians of pupils enrolled in public schools to plan and implement a statewide summit on parental involvement and family engagement, which must be held at least biennially. After each summit, the Office of Parental Involvement and Family Engagement shall evaluate the success of the summit in consultation with the entities identified in this paragraph.”

History of the Nevada Family Engagement Summit

The Summit was founded by four people:

- Barbara Clark, a Washoe County School District Board of Trustee;
- Janie Lowe, an Education Programs Professional for early childhood education at the Nevada Department of Education;
- Joanne Everts, an employee of the Washoe County School District; and
- Debbie Smith, the late Nevada legislator.

The goal was to establish and cement family engagement as a critical component in a child’s educational experience in Nevada. The inaugural Summit took place in 2006 in Reno, Nevada. District teams from each Nevada public school district came together to learn about and share family engagement strategies and best practices.

Since the inaugural Summit, the Summit has evolved over time into a statewide professional learning event for educators, families, and community members. The Summit is a biennial event that draws between 400-600 attendees. The Summit alternates locations between northern and southern. (See [Figure 1](#))

Due to the coronavirus disease of 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, the 2020 and 2022 Summits have been held virtually.

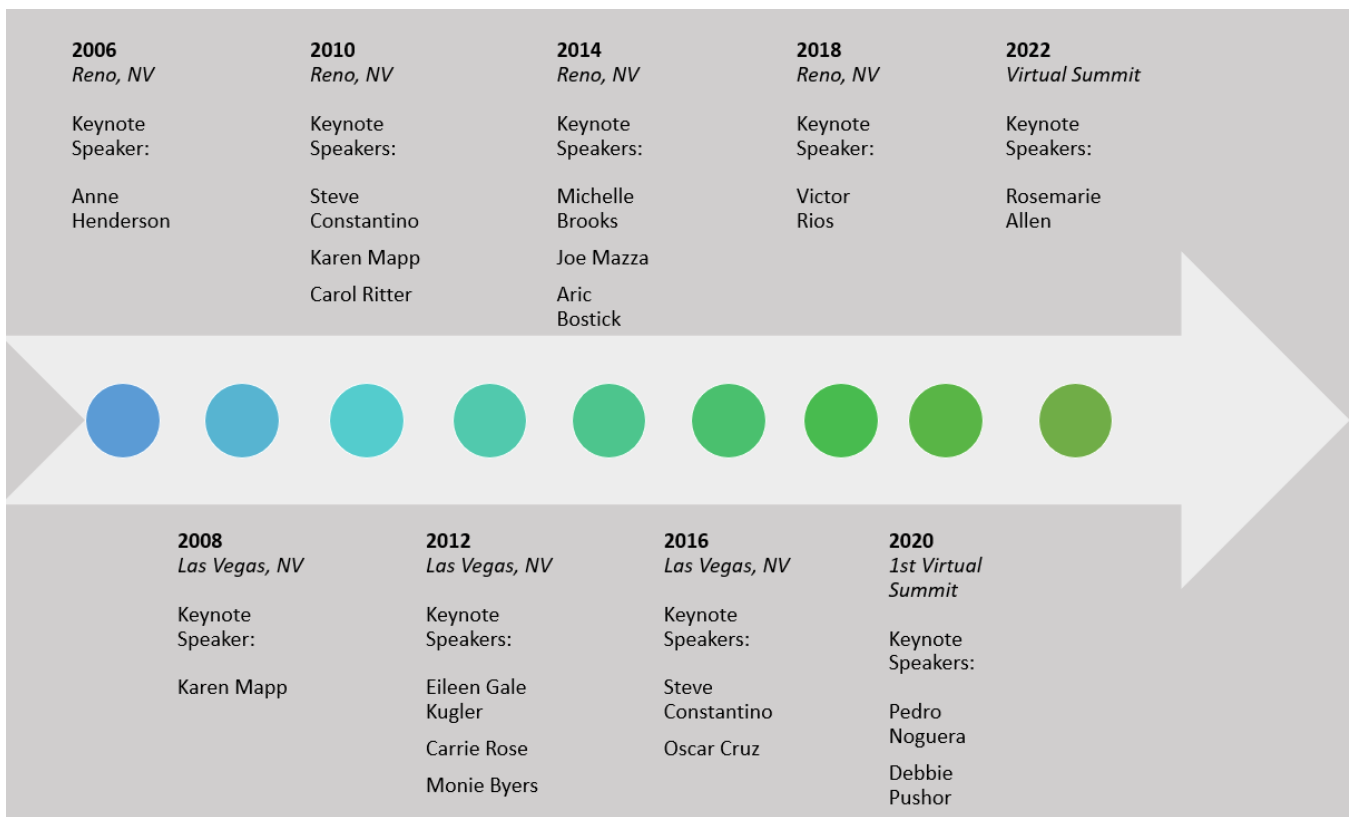


Figure 1: Previous Summit years, locations, and keynote speakers

2022 Nevada Family Engagement Summit

The 2022 Summit took place on Saturday, October 22, 2022 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The Summit Planning Team (See Appendix A for a list of Summit Planning Team members) elected to hold the Summit virtually due to the ongoing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. The selection of the Summit theme, *The Time Is Now: Coming Together to Reimagine Education*, was in direct response to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the educational landscape and school community.

The Summit keynote speaker was Dr. Rosemarie Allen (Founder, President, and CEO of the Center for Equity and Excellence). In addition to the keynote address and closing session provided Dr. Rosemarie Allen, the Summit provided 16 other unique sessions for attendees to attend throughout the day (See Exhibit Appendix B for the Summit agenda). All sessions provided at the Summit aligned with the [Dual Capacity-Building Framework for Family-School Partnerships](#) and the [Parent Teacher Association’s National Standards for Family-School Partnerships](#), which were adopted by the Nevada State Board of Education as a part of its [family engagement policy](#). Sessions presented at the Summit were subsequently [uploaded](#) to the Nevada Department of Education’s YouTube channel.

Two hundred and fifty-two people registered for the Summit with a peak of 173 attendees attending the live event. Educators were eligible to receive 5 hours of professional development from the Department for attending the event in its entirety. Eighty educators applied and received 5 hours of professional development for attending the Summit in its entirety.

2022 Nevada Family Engagement Summit Survey Results

SUMMIT ATTENDEE ROLES

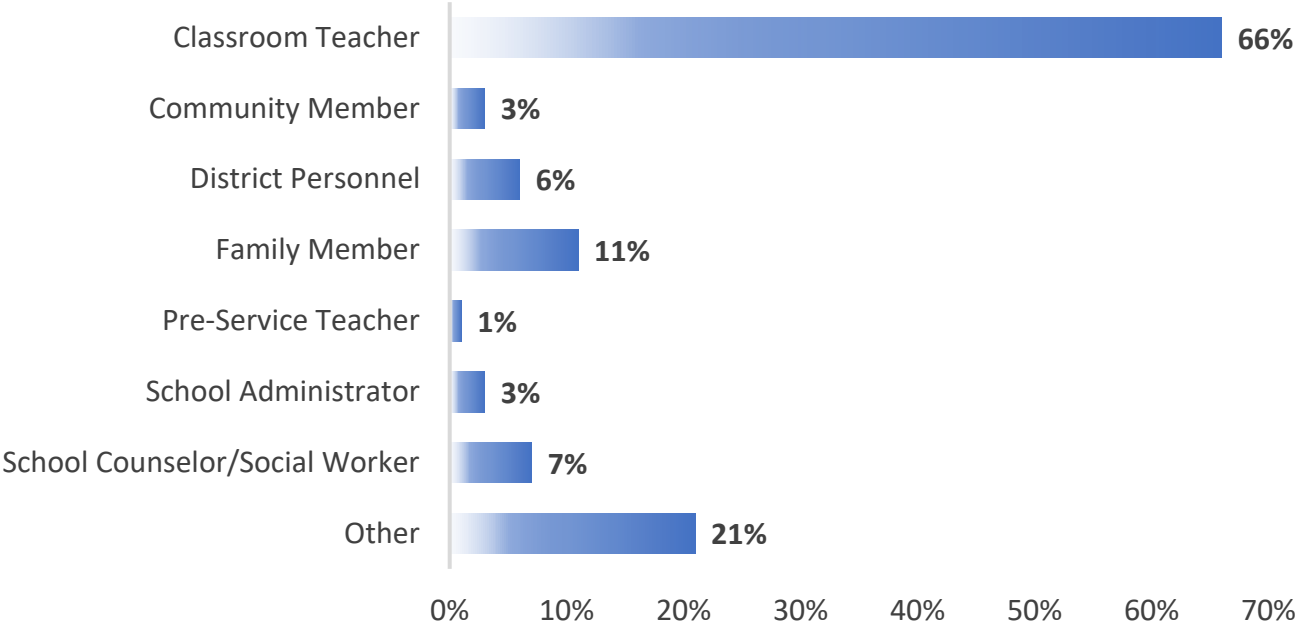


Figure 2: Survey question #1 results. Attendees could select more than one option. Based on 110 survey responses.

SUMMIT ATTENDEE DISTRICT OF RESIDENCE/EMPLOYMENT

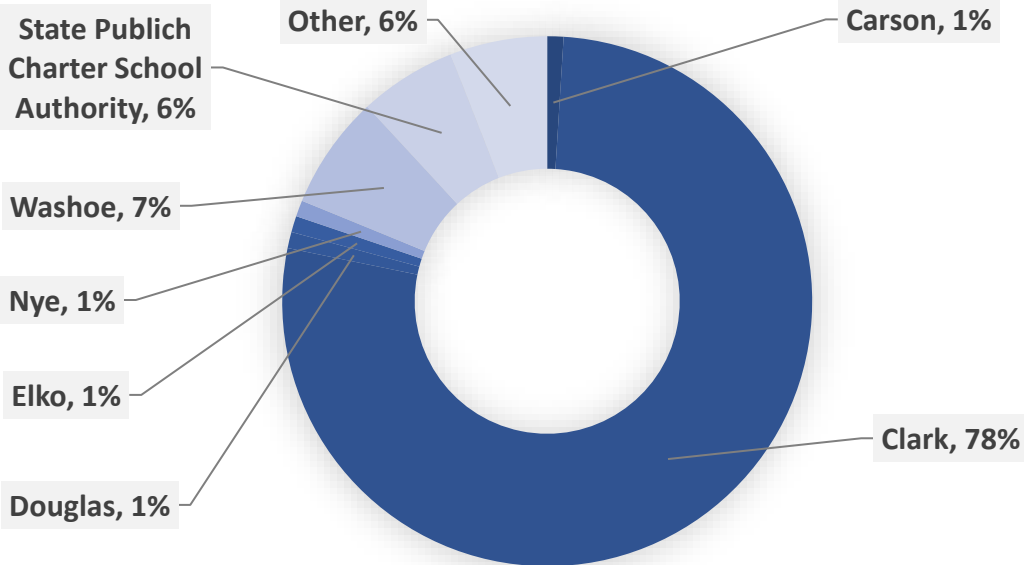


Figure 3: Survey question #2 results. Based on 110 survey responses.

SUMMIT MARKETING/PROMOTION

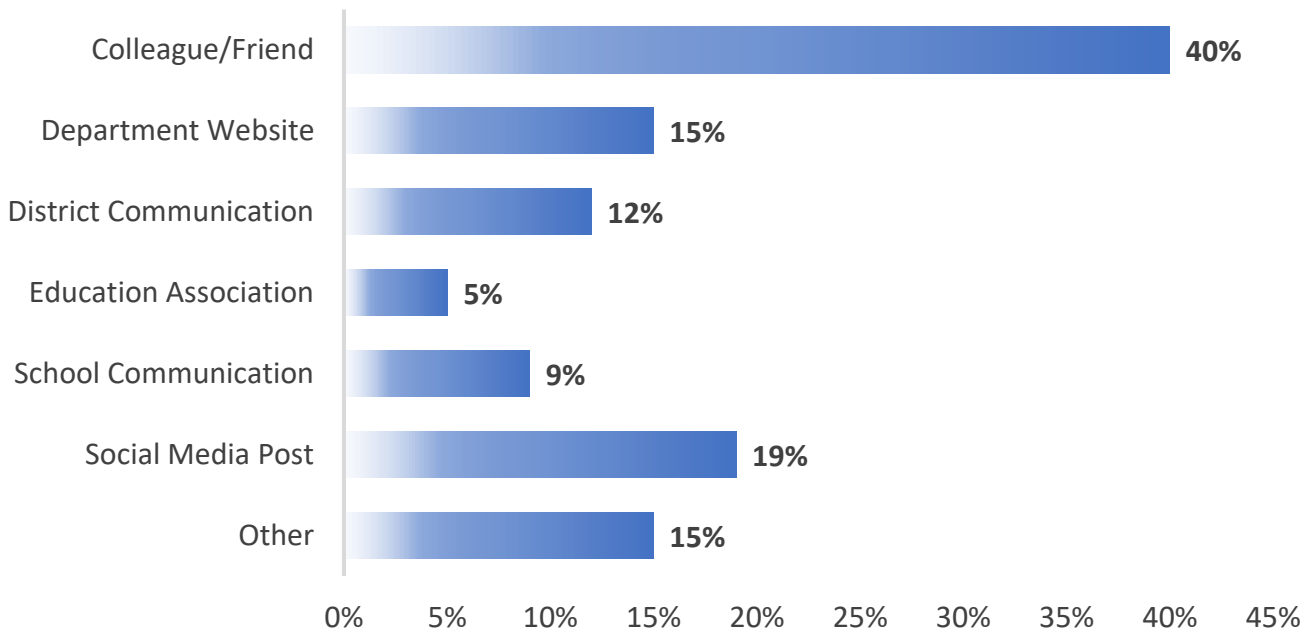


Figure 4: Survey question #3 results. Attendees could select more than one option. Based on 110 survey responses.

REASONS FOR ATTENDING THE SUMMIT

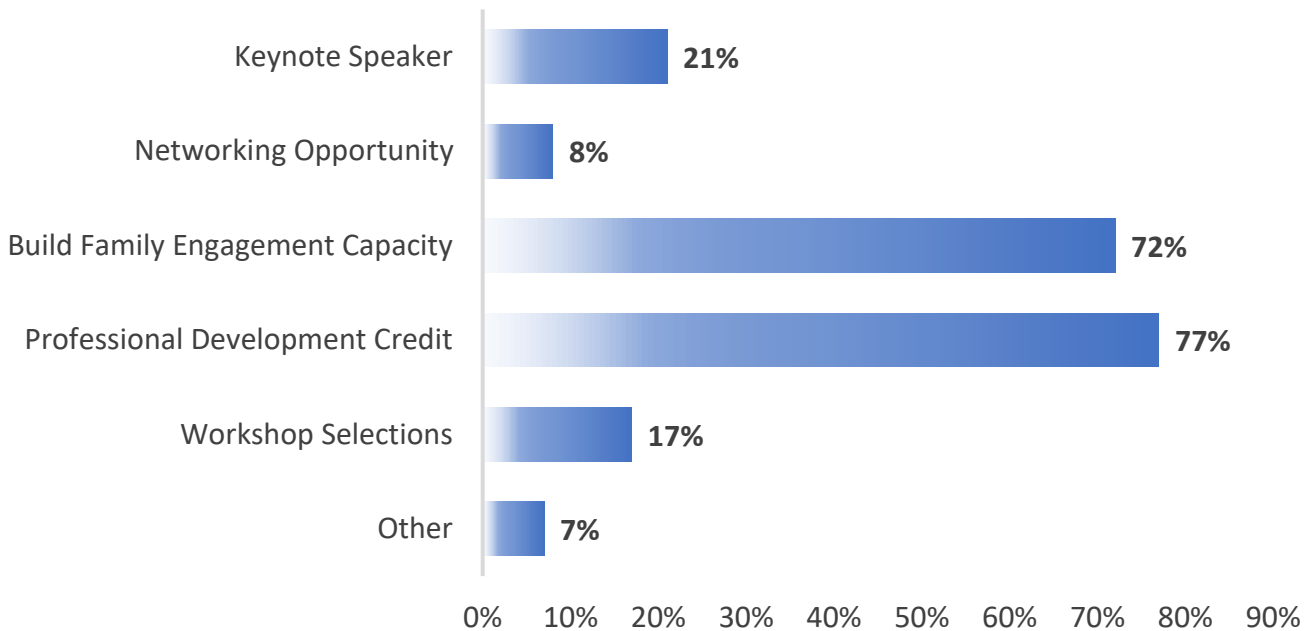


Figure 5: Survey question #4 results. Attendees could select more than one option. Based on 110 survey responses.

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT KNOWLEDGE BEFORE AND AFTER THE SUMMIT

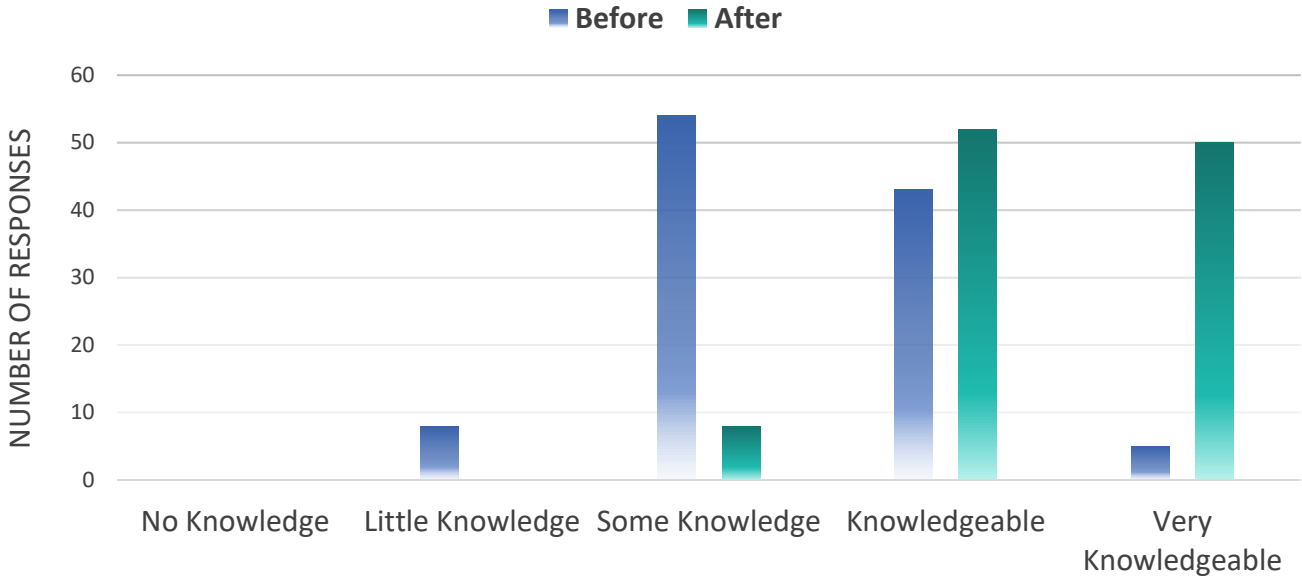


Figure 6: Survey Question #5 results. Based on 110 survey responses.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING APPLICATION

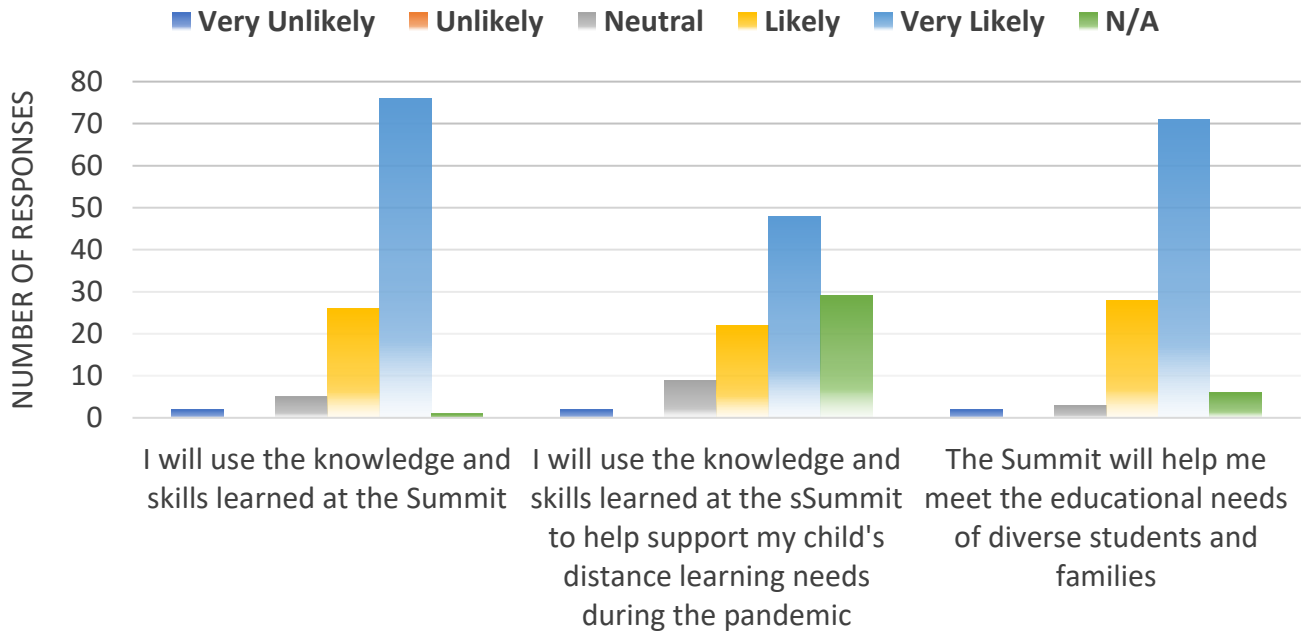


Figure 7: Survey Question #6 results. Based on 110 survey responses.

SUMMIT ATTENDEE SATISFACTION

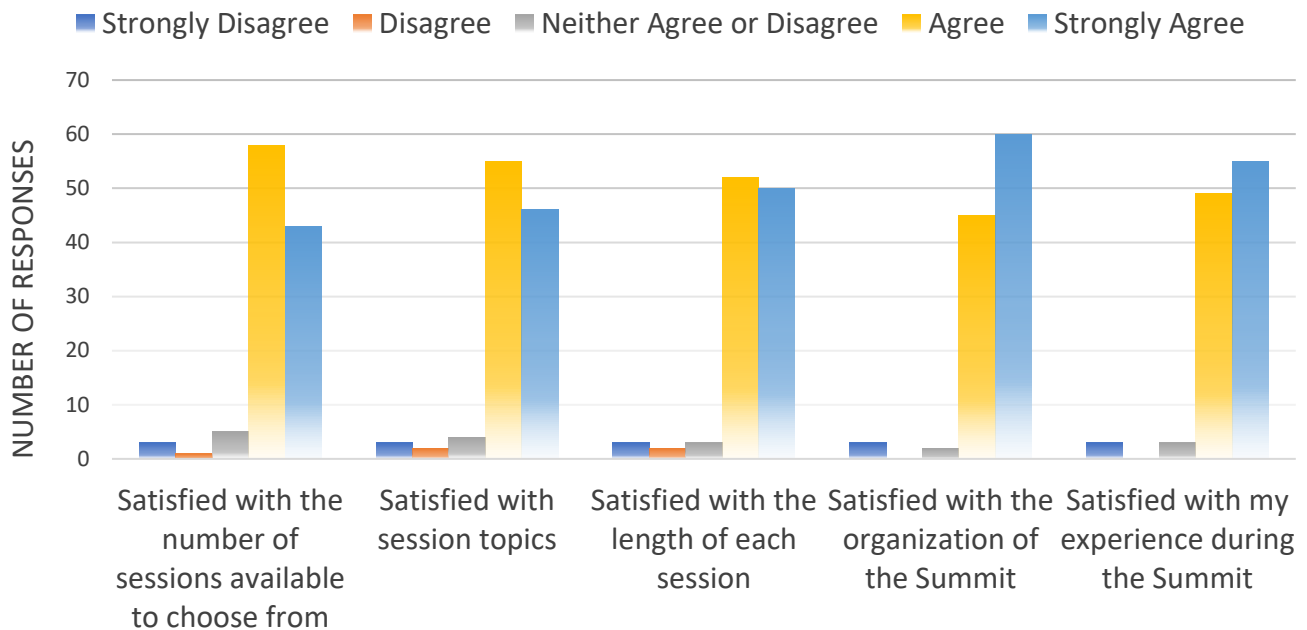


Figure 8: Survey Question #7 results. Based on 110 survey responses.

Survey Comments

“It was another wonderful conference. The only thing I would suggest is better advertising...”

“The summit is great and I very much like that it is virtual so that I can hear best practices and connect with educators all over the state.”

“Thank you so much! I learned some new things to do in my classroom.”

“Dr. Allen was a great speaker!”

“Thank you well organized and keynote was excellent.”

“Great learning opportunity- thank you for providing online learning opportunity.”

“Dr. Allen was amazing! Need to hear her again! Great job and very organized! Nevada should be proud!”

“The presenters were all so engaging the day went by so fast.”

“Hope you offer more of a similar format. Love the choice freedom.”



“This was my first summit. I look forward to attending again in the future and sharing the information with my Parent Engagement students.”

“As a first-time attendee, I'm fascinated with everything I'll be taking back as a parent and School District employee.”

Appendix A

Summit Team	
Ana Anderson	KellyLynn Charles
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Kat Collins	Tina Statucki

Appendix B

Schedule	Time	Session
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<p>To join the virtual summit, please click on the highlighted hyperlink for each session. Need technical support or other assistance? Click here to access assistance. * Educators seeking professional development must attend the entire summit. Attendance will be taken during each session. *</p>		
<p>Opening Remarks and Keynote Speaker 9:00 AM - 10:20 AM <i>Alberto Quintero, Nevada Department of Education</i> <i>Connie Hall, 2023 Nevada Teacher of the Year</i> <i>Dr. Rosemarie Allen Founder, President, and CEO of Center for Equity and Excellence</i> (Click here to access this session)</p>		
Transition Break	10:20 AM – 10:30 AM	Please use this time to log into your next session early. We recommend that you also take some time to stand up, stretch, and/or take a quick bathroom break.
Breakout Session #1	10:30 AM – 11:20 AM	Please choose ONE workshop from the list below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Computer Science For All Ages (Click here to access this session) • Cultivating Trusting Relationships with Families: 7 C's (Click here to access this session) • Discovery Education: Explore a World of Wonder with Your Child! (Click here to access this session) • Engaging Families During the Transition to Kindergarten: A Sustainable Systems-Level Approach (Click here to access this session) • Making Communication a Two-Way Street (Click here to access this session) • Raising Rebels Through College and Career Readiness (Click here to access this session)
Transition Break	11:20 AM – 11:35 AM	Please use this time to log into your next session early. We recommend that you also take some time to stand up, stretch, and/or take a quick bathroom break.
Breakout Session #2	11:35 AM – 12:25 PM	Please choose ONE workshop from the list below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defining Success by Imagining the Future: Building a Portrait of a Nevada Graduate, Together (Click here to access this session) • Seals of Nevada: Set Up Students for Success (Click here to access this session) • The Office of Inclusive Education: Who We Are and How We Can Help (Click here to access this session) • The Time Is Now to Learn About Sesame Street In Communities (Click here to access this session) • Welcoming and Supporting Military-Connected Students and Families (Click here to access this session)
Lunch/Transition Break	12:25 PM – 1:00 PM	Use this time to grab some lunch, stand up, stretch, and/or take a bathroom break. Please make sure to log into your next session on time.
Breakout Session #3	1:00 PM – 1:50 PM	Please choose ONE workshop from the list below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Schools 101: Organizing Resources and Relationships Around Student, Family, and Community Success (Click here to access this session) • Engaging Families in the IEP Process (Click here to access this session) • “Ready Set Engage” - Building the Capacity of Our Families and Teachers, Ensuring the 4 C's are at the Center (Click here to access this session) • Transformative Family Engagement: Developing Essential Practices that Welcome and Support All Families (Click here to access this session) • Nevada Career and Technical Education: Hands-On Learning Toward Real-World Careers (Click here to access this session)
Transition Break	1:50 PM – 2:00 PM	Please use this time to log into your next session early. We recommend that you also take some time to stand up, stretch, and/or take a quick bathroom break.
Reflections and Closing Session	2:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Join us and Dr. Rosemarie Allen as we bring the Summit to a close and reflect on what we have learned today. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (Click here to access this session)
<p>PLEASE TAKE THIS SURVEY AT THE END OF THE SUMMIT HERE!</p>		