

Who are we?

Diversity Parent Leadership Team (DPLT) is a grouping of parents, teachers, and principal(s) from several BVSD schools trained and sponsored through a collaboration of MEACC, PEN, BVSSC, and BVSD.

Heatherwood's team is composed of parents Carol Holly, Mary Swanson, Carla Mangine, Michele Bailey, and Pam Ruehle; of teachers Jane Kelley and Cathy Zimmerman; and principal, Larry Orobona.

Our main goal:

is to help Heatherwood become a more culturally proficient school by

- supporting and positively impacting our school's climate goal, especially for underrepresented populations;**
- increasing parent interaction in our school and community**

(Research supports parent involvement as key to student success.); and

- helping to close the achievement gap.**

Our team will be providing opportunities to discuss and address issues of cultural diversity and the “isms” in our school community and in BVSD as well as creating an outreach plan to connect with all parents, especially parents from underrepresented communities at Heatherwood.