



Bells Mill Parent Teacher Association

General Meeting - December 6, 2022

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Tonight's Agenda

- ▶ Welcome
- ▶ Treasurer's Report (5 min)
- ▶ MCCPTA Delegate Report (5 min)
- ▶ International Festival
- ▶ School of Excellence Program
- ▶ PTA Board Updates
- ▶ School Updates
- ▶ Adjourn
- ▶

April 28 at 6:00 pm





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- ▶ Recognition program from National PTA
- ▶ Opens the lines of communication and critical thinking within school communities
- ▶ Partnership between local PTAs and schools to enrich the educational experience and well-being for all students
- ▶ Survey in the fall, completed by 61 families

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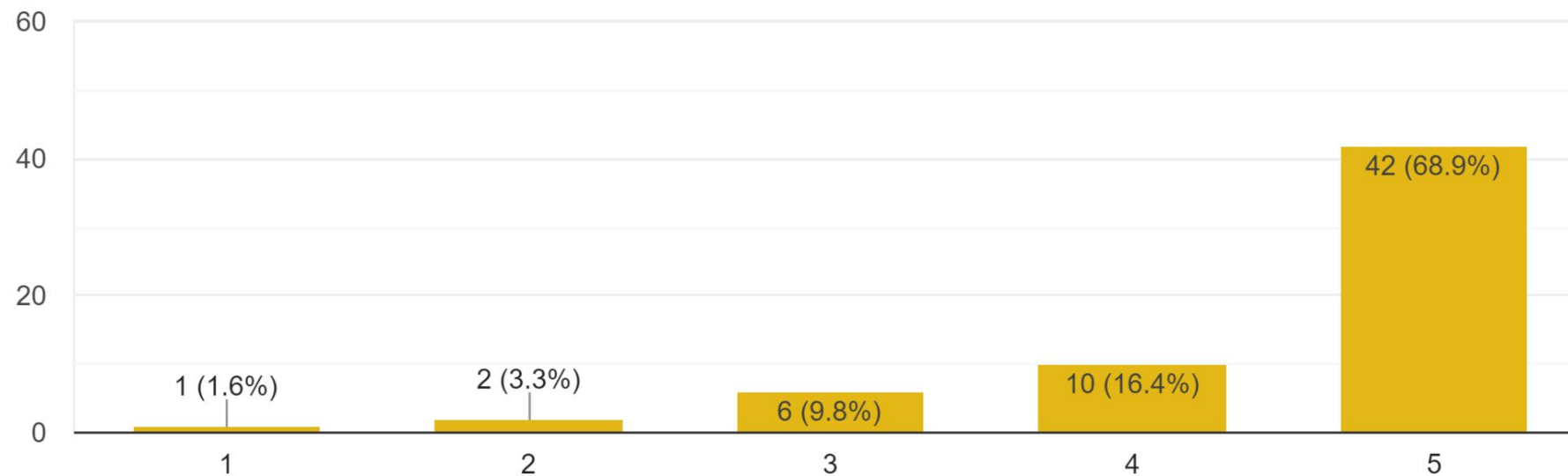
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Welcoming Environment

1. Our school creates a welcoming environment (e.g. has friendly signs and messages in multiple languages, invites diverse perspectives, questions assumptions and intentionally builds relationships).

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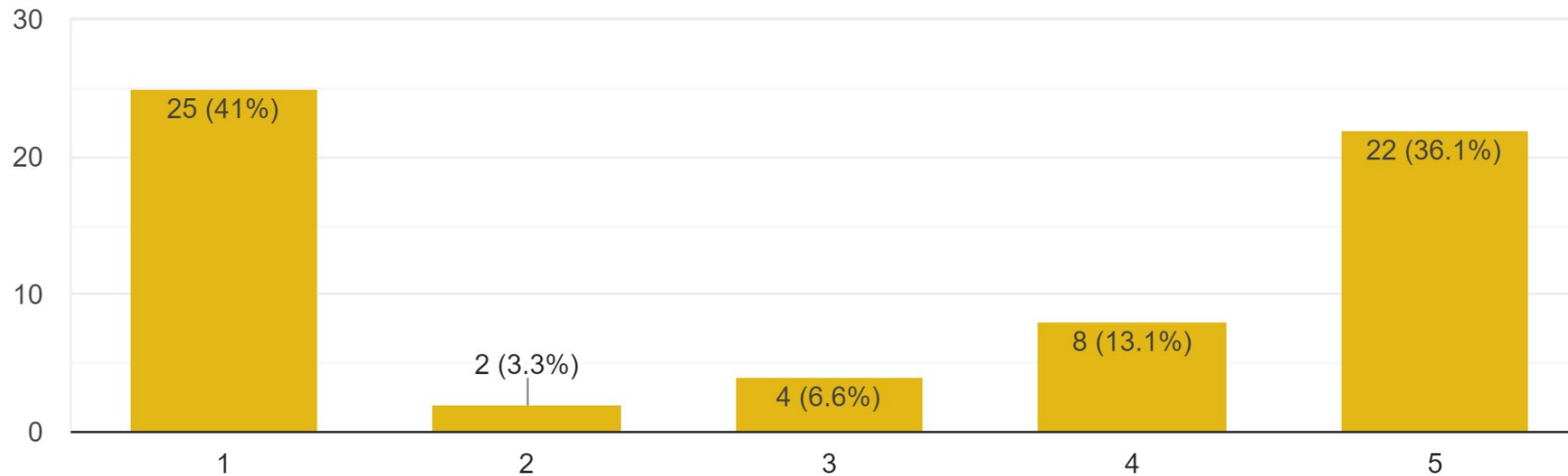
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Translation

2. Our school translates communications and provides interpreters as needed.

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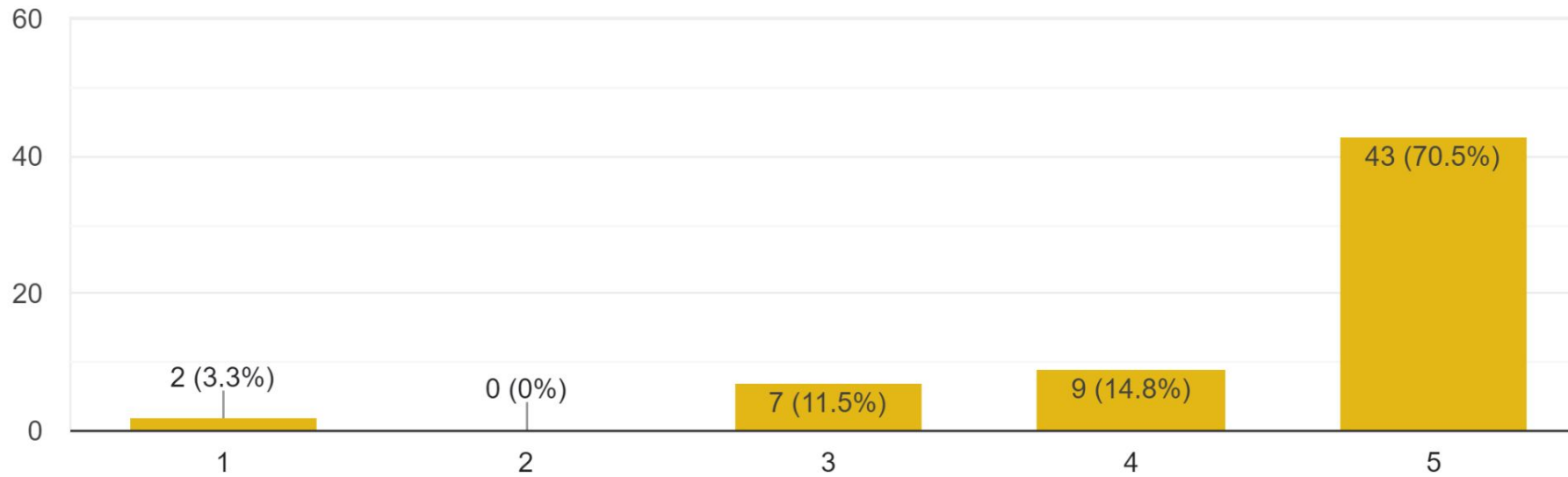
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Volunteering

3. Our school encourages families to volunteer.

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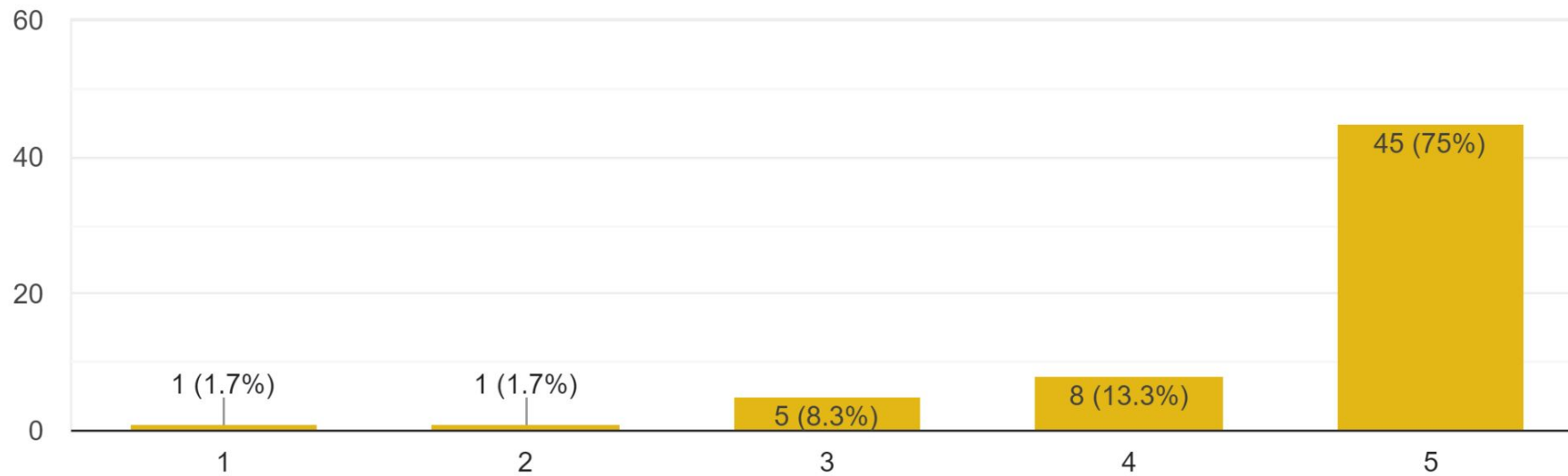
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Respect to all families

4. Our school shows respect to all families regardless of differences (e.g. age, gender, race, cultural background).

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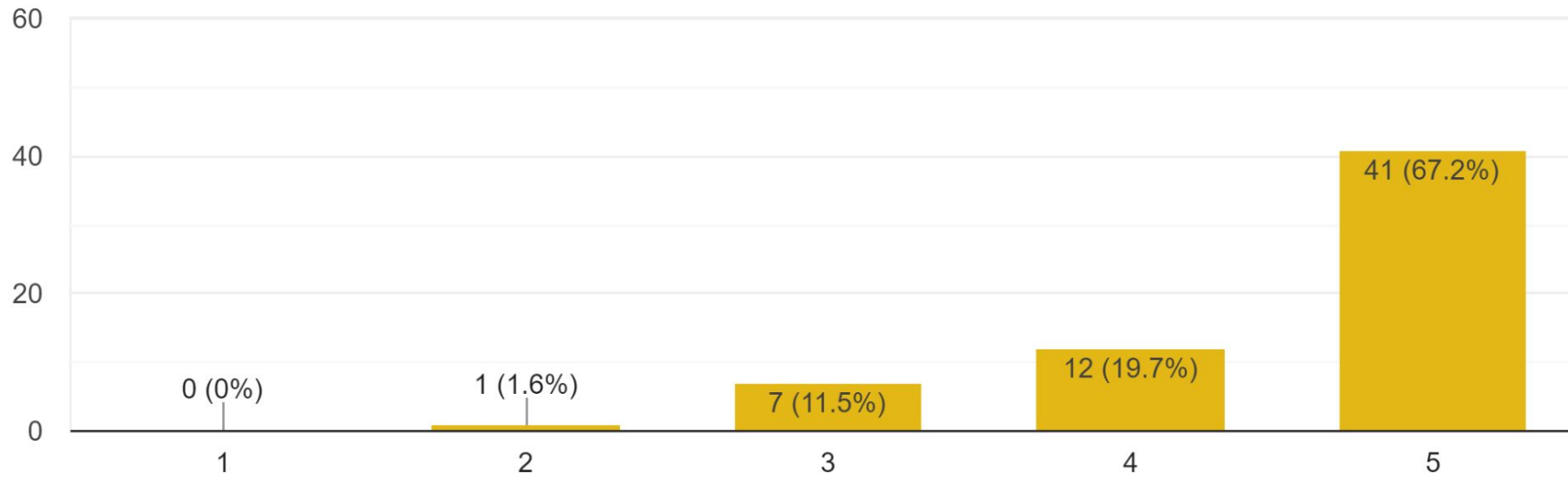
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Communicates in multiple ways

5. Our school communicates with families in multiple ways (e.g., email, phone, website).

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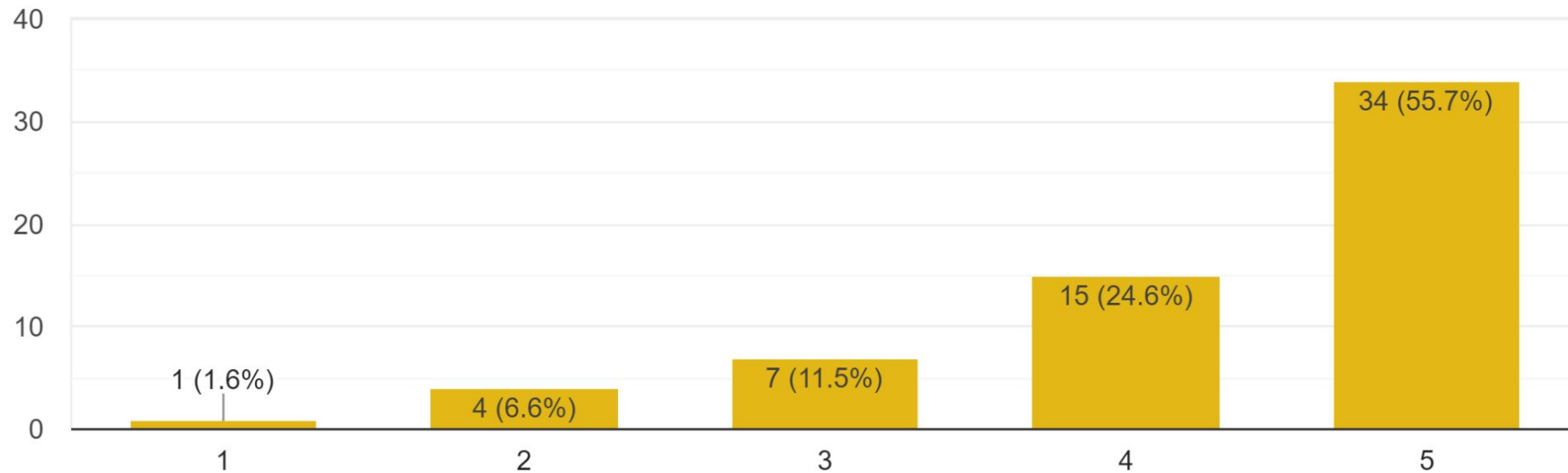
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Conversations about student needs

6. Our school provides clear, two-way conversations about student progress or needs.

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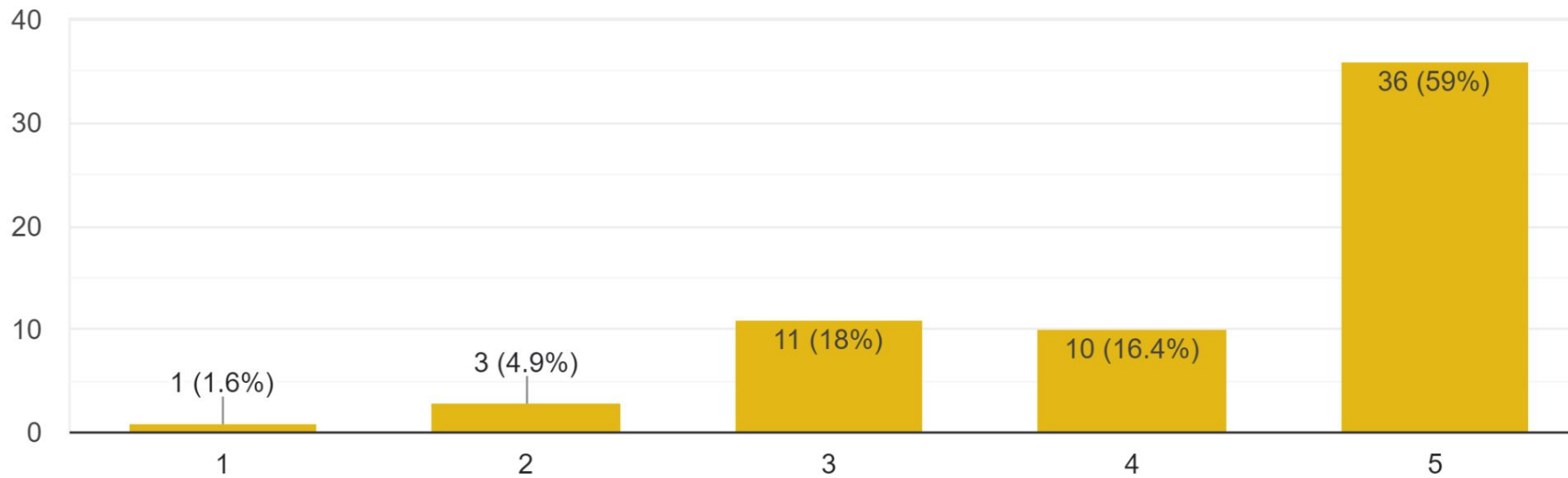
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Help families support learning

7. Our school helps families understand how they can support their child's learning.

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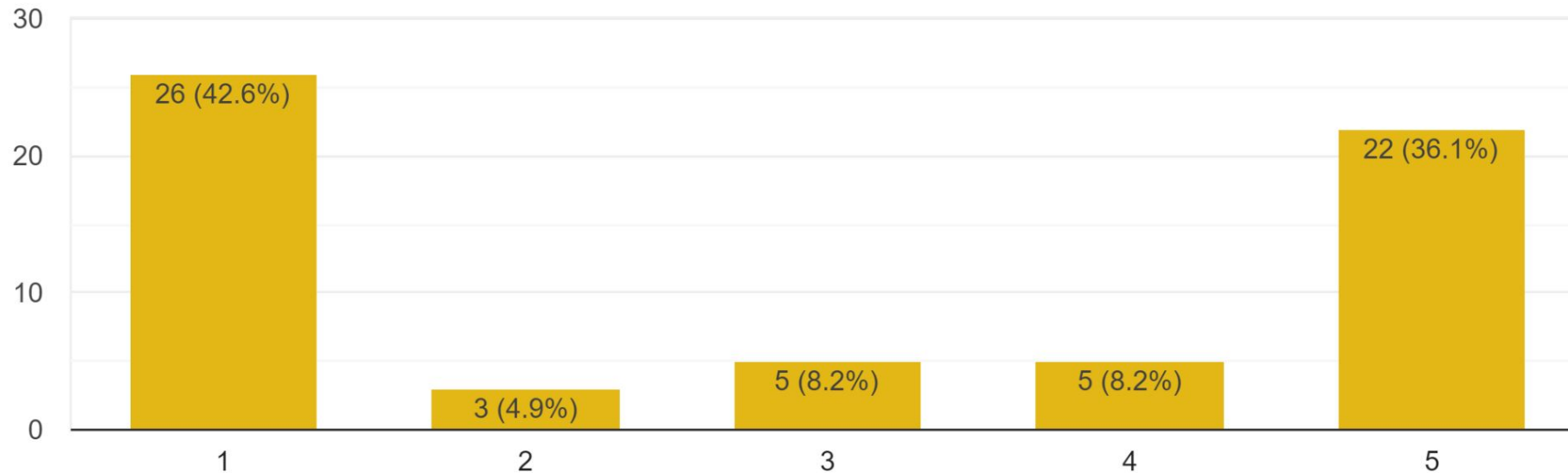
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Parents involved in planning transition

8. Our school involves parents in planning for student transitions (e.g. middle school, high school, post-secondary, careers).

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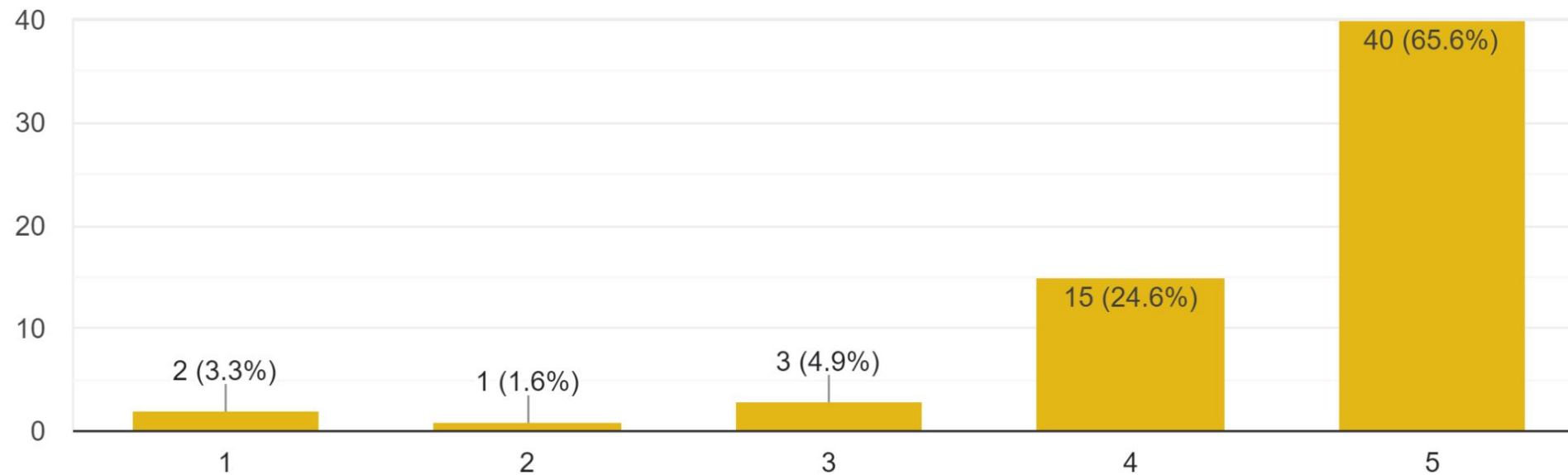
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Use of technology

9. Our school uses technology to meet the needs of today's students.

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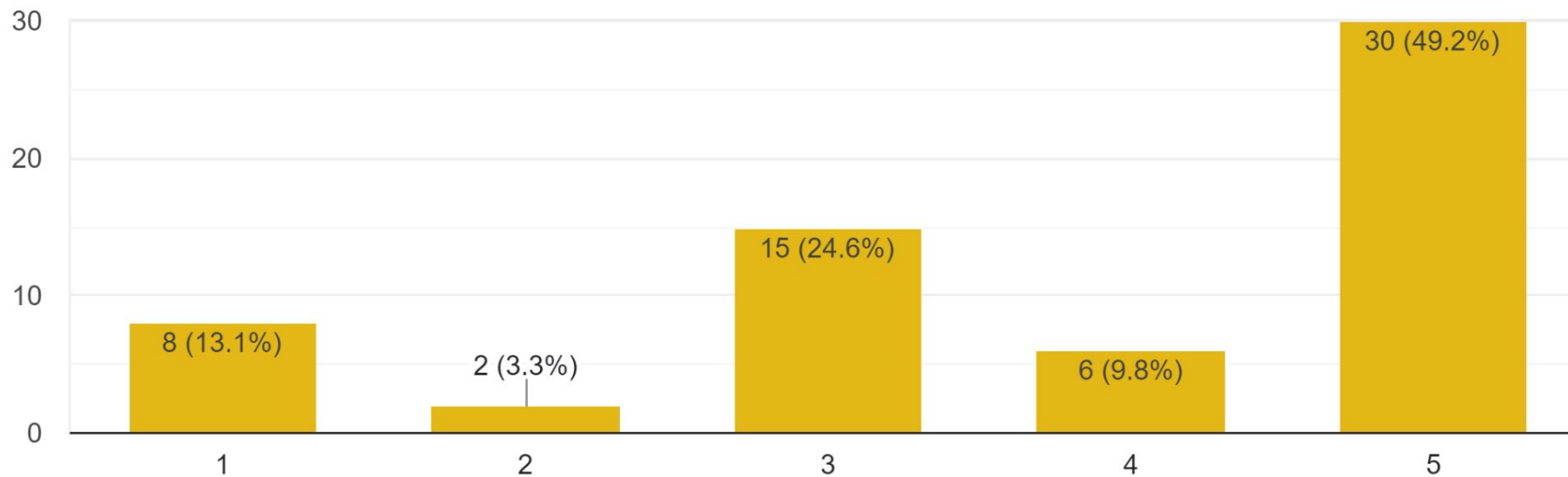
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Discussions of expectations

10. Our school includes students as active participants in discussions of expectations and work quality (e.g. parent-teacher conferences).

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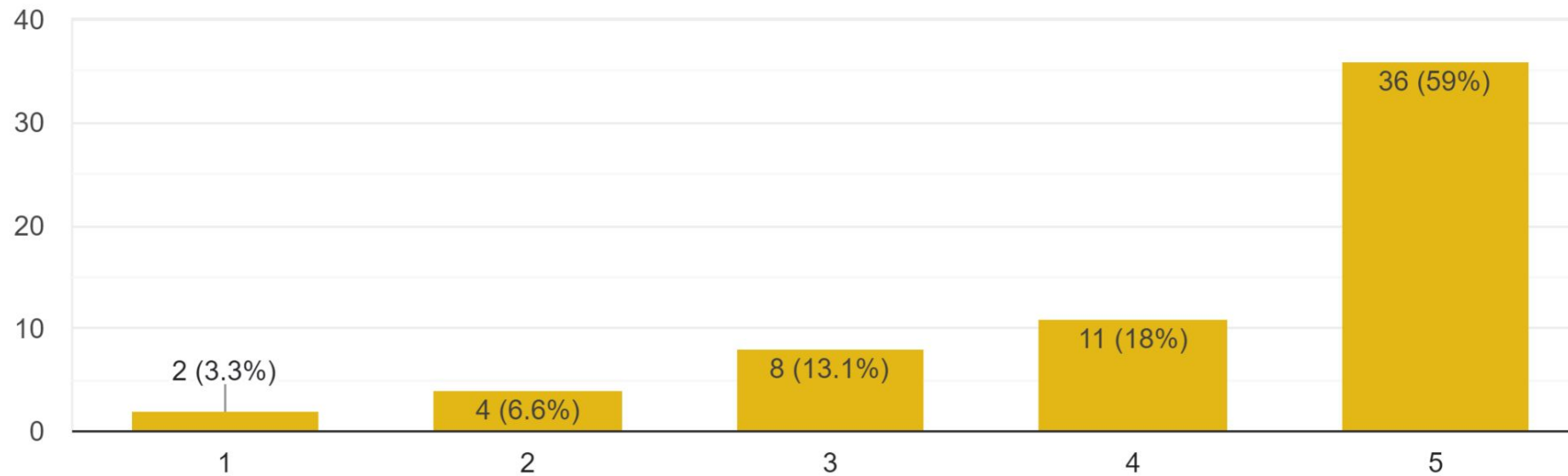
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Explain academic standards

11. Our school explains the academic standards and how the curriculum is connected to those standards.

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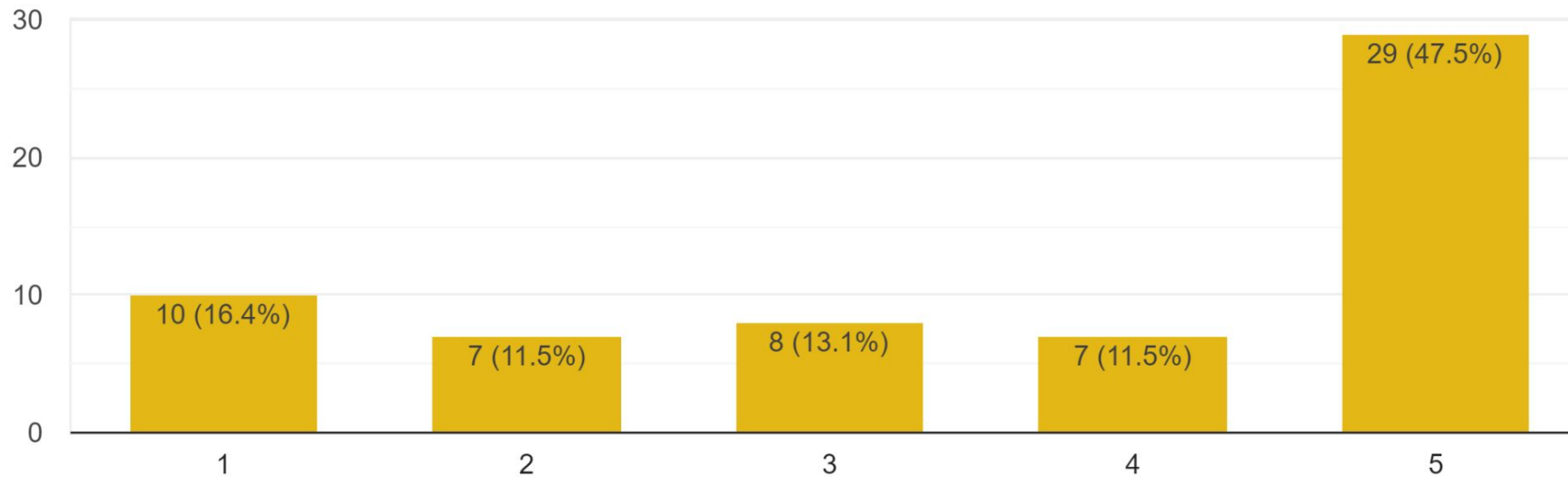
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Inform and encourage advocacy

12. Our school informs and encourages families to advocate for students at the school, local, state and/or national level.

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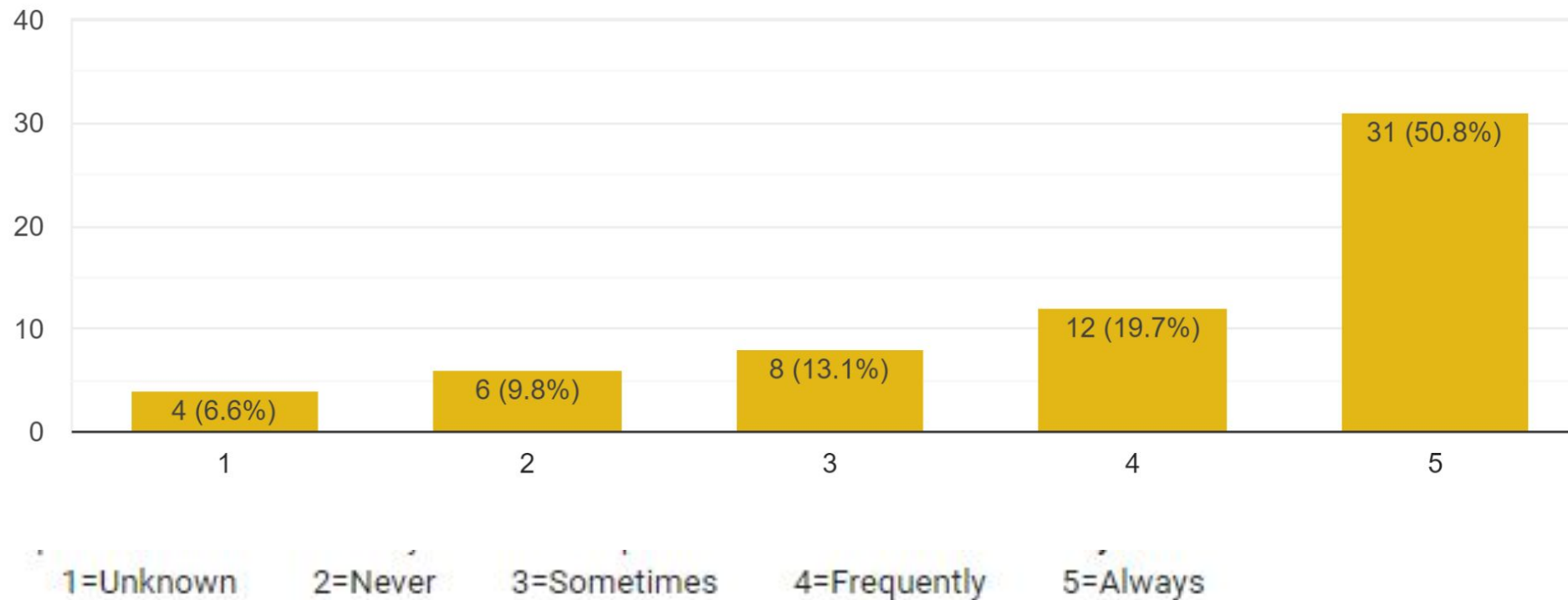
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Listen to concerns

13. Our school listens to families' concerns and demonstrates a genuine interest in developing solutions.

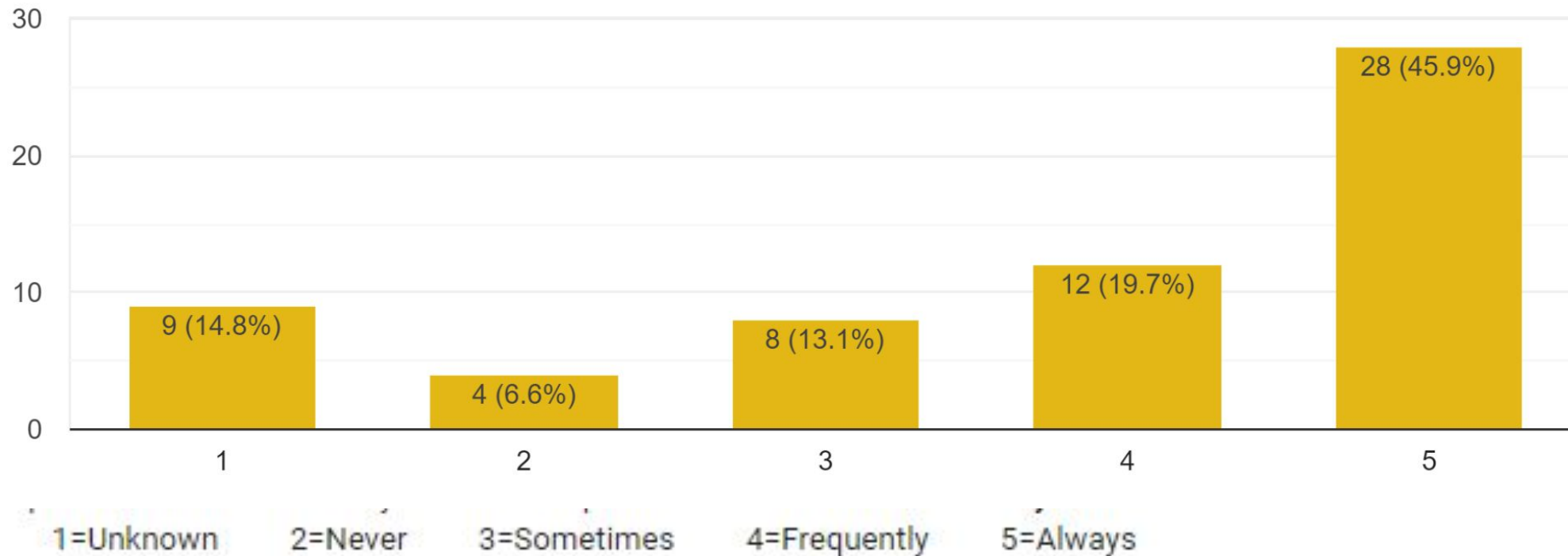
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Information on family rights

14. Our school provides information on family rights and responsibilities under federal and state laws.

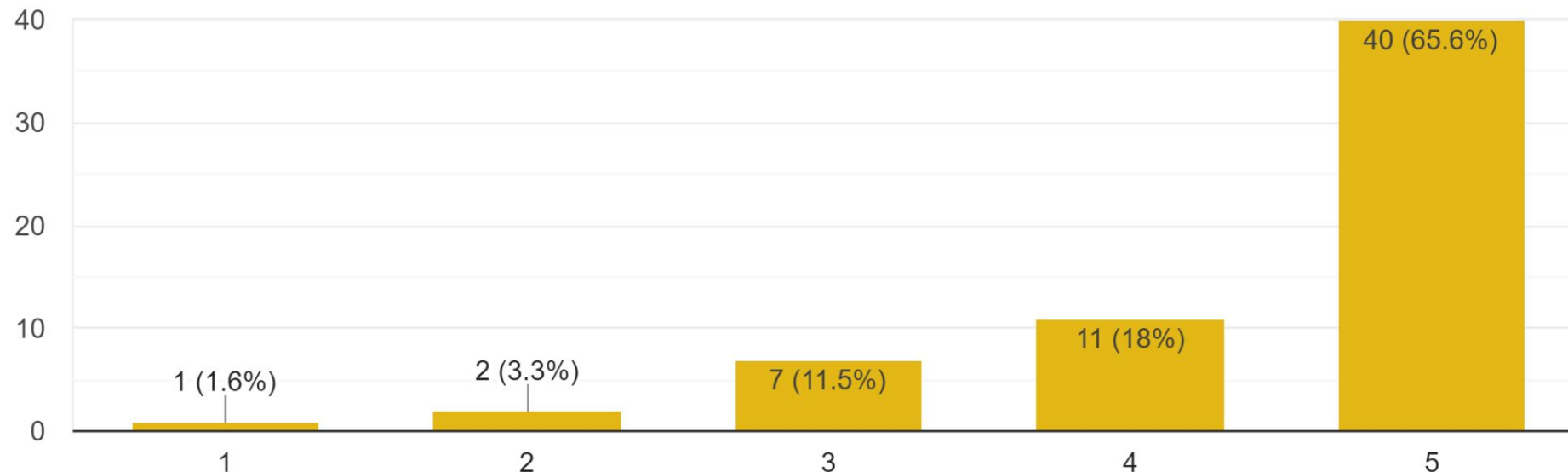
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Policies that recognize and respect diversity

15. Our school establishes policies that recognize and respect diversity (e.g. cultural, ethnic, religious, socioeconomic).

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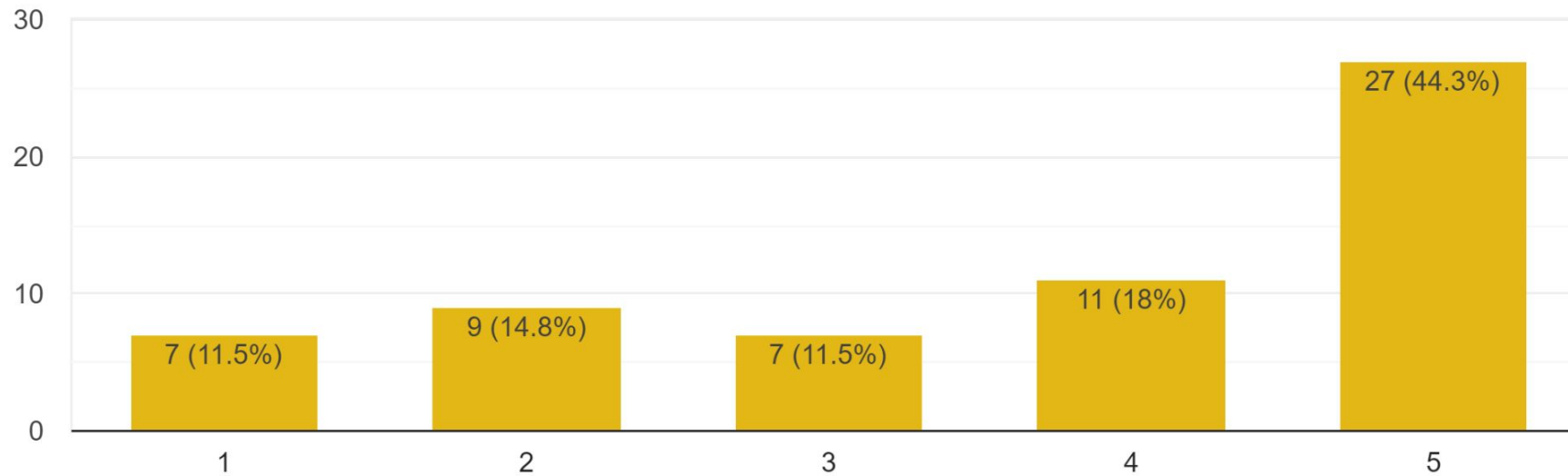
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Considers families equal partners

16. Our school considers families to be equal partners in decision making (e.g. policy, curricula, budget, safety, personnel).

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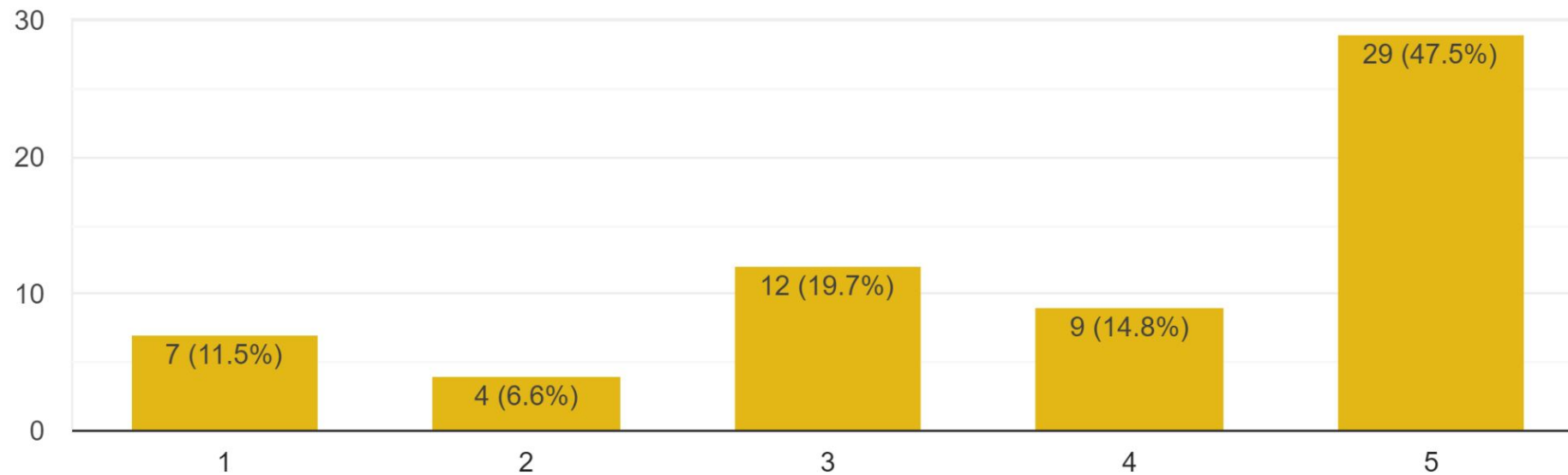
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Provides info on School Improvement Plan

17. Our school provides families with information on our school improvement plan.

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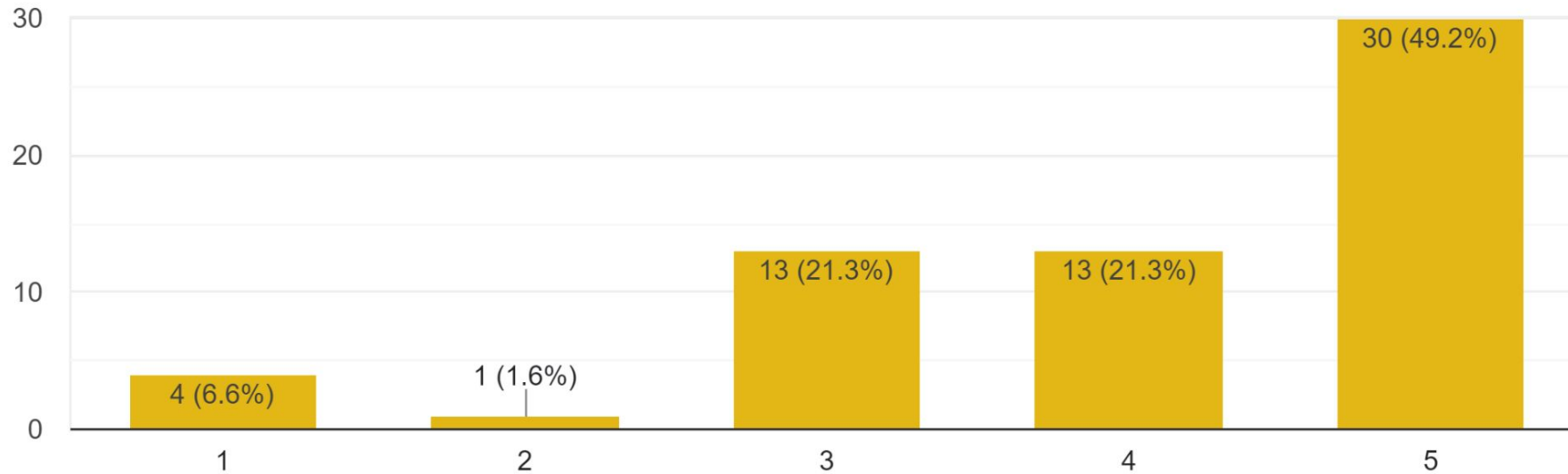
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Information on community resources

18. Our school distributes information on community resources that serve the needs of families within the community.

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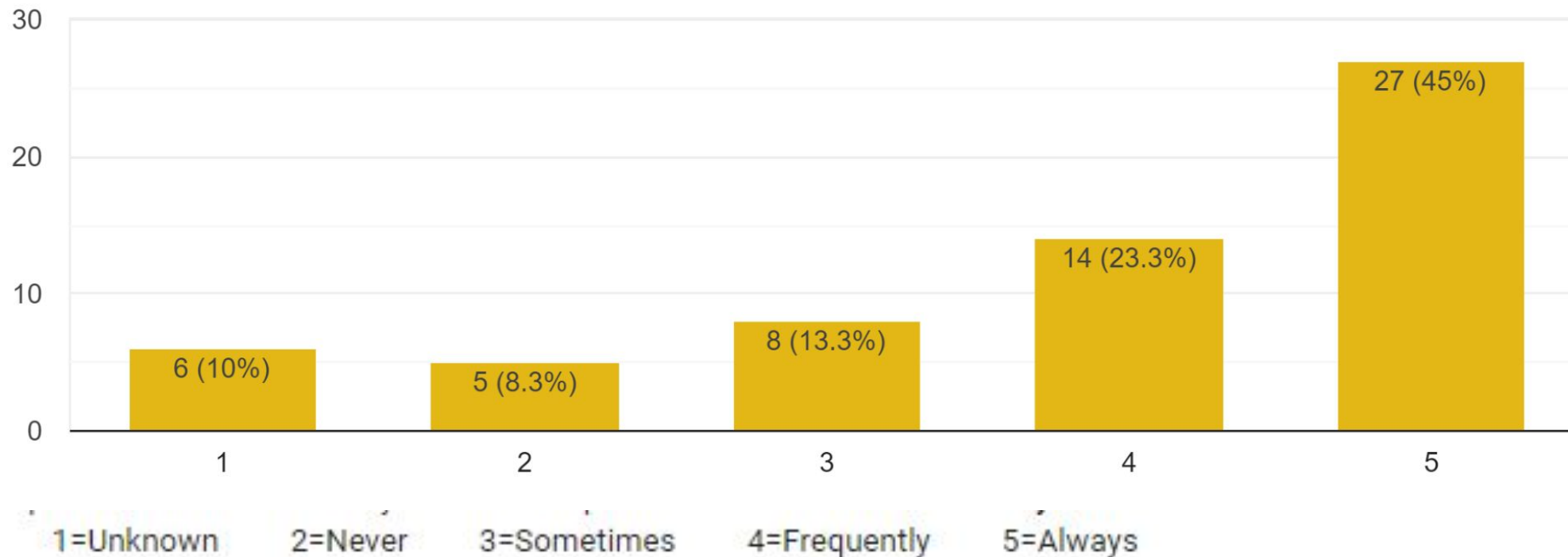
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Partnerships with local groups

19. Our school has partnerships with local businesses, community organizations and service groups to advance student learning, or assist the school or families.

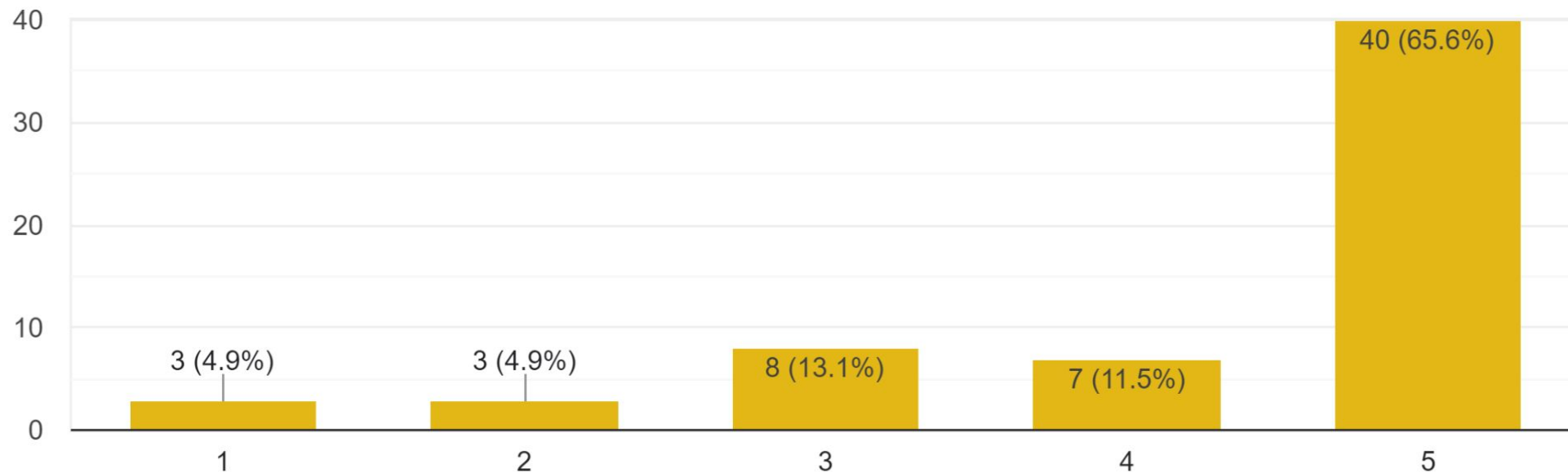
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School is central part of the community

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Discussion: Communication & Engagement

- ▶ Translation needs? Need to learn more.
- ▶ Ways to better recognize and respect diversity?
- ▶ Ways the school could be more welcoming?
- ▶ How would families like to be more involved in decision making?
- ▶ What information or support does the community need?

Discussion: Student Wellness & Needs

- ▶ Ways to improve discussions about student progress or needs?
- ▶ What would help families better understand how to support student learning needs?
- ▶ Insights on how to better prepare for student transitions?
- ▶ How to include students in discussions of expectations and work quality?
- ▶ What information would be helpful on connection between curriculum and academic standards?

Read-a-thon: Devin Donaldson, Claire Andrews, Teresa Weigart, and Mrs. Abramson

Science Fair & STEM Night: Helen Maurer, Amanda Klueger and all the volunteers!

Talent Shows: Jennifer Nwadike, Amanda Klueger, Scott Cullum, Ugo Nwadike Teresa Weingart, John Sorrenti, Tianying Chen, Jackie Ocasio, Emily Turek, and Mahesh Aiyer

Reflections Art Program: Holly Cullum and Xiao Xiao Min

Black History Month Assembly: Varsha Morar

BINGO Night: Jessica Farnsworth, Tiffany MacSlarrow, and Amanda Klueger and our celebrity callers!

And everyone working behind the scenes!



PTA Board Nominating Committee

- ▶ Role is to help fill next year's PTA board
- ▶ Need 3 volunteers who are current PTA members.
- ▶ Responsible for formally nominating eligible persons for open PTA board positions and reporting their nominees to the general membership prior to the PTA election at a general membership meeting in May.
- ▶ Email info@bellsmill.org if you can help!

Interested in joining the board, chairing a committee or just getting more involved in PTA next year? Reach out! Let's talk!