GAC Check In – Conference Room 4

Draft Notes

September 18, 2020

Attendees: Ali’Cia, Nicque, Chris, Jami, Blake, and Ms. Margo all socially distanced. 😊

Check in question: How’s Distance learning going? (We are PROUD of you!)

* Jami: Things are what they are right now not a lot of feedback yet – the first few weeks have been in a way preparation for what’s ahead, so we’ll know more in the coming weeks about how things are really working.
* Need more headphones and this is in the works with MPS.
* Child dropped off in the TIC this week – Lauren took good care of them for a bit and Jami made sure they got where they needed to go.
* Might need to expand program hours – challenge accommodating programming AND instruction hours.
* Blake: Great space and engagement at COE
* Excited about opportunities with external partners willing to do activities

What do you need?

Jami: We need more staff! This is in the works – positions are on the website and Rinal will post them to groups like LOCUS.

Update from Ms. Margo: MANY families are at 75% and up on average with distance learning– VERY proud of our families. Jami asked could we recognize families? Yes, generally!

Holiday Gift Ideas: what do families want? (Jami)

Ali’Cia let us know that previously, the GAC asked about holiday gifts and we should circle back to the conversation. There are families that don’t celebrate holidays like Christmas – so how do we honor families’ needs? Nicque will put this back on the agenda for a deeper dive.

How do we do our GAC meetings safely and effectively with the pandemic? Ali’Cia named that more space may be needed depending on the size of the meeting in order to ease concerns. We identified that Conference Room 9 seems the largest available to us, and may be offline soon for Education needs. We’ll keep checking in on best spaces, but for now resolve to do 2 45-minute GAC sessions with families moving forward to allow for social distance numbers.

Next meeting: **Friday, October 2 at 1:30 and 2:15 p.m.**