



Parent Advisory Group meeting

**Tuesday, December 8, 2020
Meeting Notes**

I. Attendees:

- a. Suresh, Barb Trospen, Steve Mesler, Trinia Washington, Jeniffer Withrow Trice and Krishna Richardson-Daniels

II. Family Engagement - Parent Climate Survey and Collaboration with PTSA

- a. There were some discrepancies with the Parent Climate Survey. Steve Mesler agreed to develop a Google doc to ensure PAG add questions/comments before deployment. Barb Trospen has agreed to serve on committee to revise survey. Krishna will connect Barb and Jennifer Drain, Co-President of PTSA.

III. Questions posed by parents:

- a. **Are other houses doing this kind of activity and does staff need volunteers to support it?** Each house has a different system in place regarding how they communicate to families and conduct activities virtually. Project SPARC is an opportunity for volunteers to support teachers and students in and outside of their classrooms.
- b. **Are there other games that may be more inclusive, as Among Us is a free download for a phone or device, but paid for laptops?** Staff are always open to recommendations, but families must understand all students do not have access to download in the same manner – due to limited wifi/internet access or restrictions on devices.
- c. **Is there a way to add a social gaming meetup to Wednesday?** Perhaps, but we may need to have larger conversation with House Teams about Wednesday's schedule.
- d. **Do Admins/Staff have any challenges that PAG can support?** Good question. The challenges House teams currently have include student engagement and submission of school assignments.



IV. Announcements

- a. **Boundary changes – engagement sessions, Wednesday, December 16th at 6PM** – Successful sessions with prospective students and families, facilitated by SPS District
- b. **Sidewalk Library update** – These events have been canceled for now due to surge of COVID cases.
- c. **BLT Parent Rep** – Each month we request a PAG member present for BLT meetings; first Wednesday of each month from 7:00-8:30AM
- d. **Holiday Assistance – December 14th (11AM-1PM) and 15th (11AM-1PM)** – Counseling Office conducted successful distribution of gift cards and food supplies to families