



## Parent Advisory Group - March 2, 2021

### Meeting Notes

**Attendees: Barb, Steve, Suresh, Trinia, Krishna, Jeniffer, Jessie, Alec, Kiki**

- I. Check In: [Blob Tree](#)
- II. (Re)Establishing [Norms](#)
- III. Introduction of Makerspace Coordinator, Alec McQuinn

Joined the TAF team several months ago and is working to acquire equipment for and set up the makerspace. He will lead and manage the equipment. Makerspace currently has 3D printers which are being used by LP Wilson in the STEM robotics class. The team is exploring how the equipment can be used to enhance and support curriculums.

- **Contact Alec with ideas/recommendations**  
[afmcquinn@seattleschools.org](mailto:afmcquinn@seattleschools.org)

The maker space will be utilized for the afterschool enrichment for LP Wilson's classes and they are looking for ways to allow student access to it.

#### IV. Project Based Learning Experience Workshop

TAF plans to provide education workshops, introducing project-based learning for families to participate and learn more about the program. Tentative date in May. Looking for best times to schedule for families.



## **V. College Knowledge Workshops**

- a. Challenge to work with 6<sup>th</sup> graders because of remote learning so emphasis by counselors has been on 8<sup>th</sup> graders this year. Sarah Wilkes, TAF at Saghalie, will host two College knowledge workshops for the 6<sup>th</sup> grade classes in the coming months.

[https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1-I74tKSMk3jSj--VNJBfKnhd-kwOQon5XNWVgqsQLKs/edit#slide=id.gbdb4fb6070\\_0\\_0](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1-I74tKSMk3jSj--VNJBfKnhd-kwOQon5XNWVgqsQLKs/edit#slide=id.gbdb4fb6070_0_0)

Naviance Training

- b. PAG asked if there would also be an info session for parents. Krishna to reach out to counselors to inquire about feasibility of including parents.

## **VI. Upcoming Projects**

- a. Healing Circle – Tomorrow from 9-10am for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students
- b. Industry Day – March 10 from 9am – 10am, various professionals to attend
- c. Thermal Insulator project – Science Pick up day March 10, 11, 12, information regarding project should be sent out by teachers
- d. Math Exploration TSP Expo – Wednesday March 17, 11am – 1pm
- e. STEM Expo Project Proposal Feedback Day – March 31, 9-10am

## **VII. STEM Expo – Scheduled for Wednesday, June 16**

## **VIII. TAF Outreach to schools**



- a. KD met with Bailey Gatzert last week, SHA employee joined and supported engagement session to communicate with families
- b. March 25, 5pm: upcoming engagement session at Bailey Gatzert
- c. No response from TM or John Muir for meetings
- d. What suggestions does the PAG have for TAF to publish/provide to help families better understand the program? Link to website, other info? Suggestions include:
  - i. Day of a student – what does that look like?
  - ii. Transition to middle school/ understanding the pedagogy?
  - iii. More instruction on use of the source?
  - iv. Organization of TAF partnership within SPS – Who is who? Who does what?
  - v. Share experience of a WMS TAF 6<sup>th</sup> grader
  - vi. Share success stories of student achievement
  - vii. Share success stories of HC students to relieve concerns of 5<sup>th</sup> grade families

**IX. Program expansion/growth projections**

- a. 613 students projected for 2021/2021
- b. Next update to be provided in April

**X. Communication - translation updates**

- a. Talking points is a helpful app – it sends messages and can translate those as well. Krishna to follow up with Barb to explore possibilities of use.



## **XI. PTSA Survey**

- a. Survey Completed – 217 respondents, 43% response
- b. Community meeting forthcoming to share findings and action items

## **XII. Next Meetings**

- a. Parent Lead: Steve Mesler
- b. Date: 3/16/21
- c. Steve to attend the BLT meeting on March 3, 2021 and provide TAF update