



**2016-7 Academy of Leaders: School Year
Grace Place for Children and Families**

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21st Century Community Learning Centers Advisory Board Meeting

Middle School

Advisory Board Meeting: 5/11/17

5:00pm-6:00pm

Board Consists of:

Staff: Wardell Frazier, Site Coordinator; Tim Ferguson, CEO; and Tom Powers, Director of School Age Programs

Schools/Teachers: Mason Clark, Principal; Tiffani Cialella, Teacher; or designees.

Students: Harrison P., Ricardo G., Brandon U., Jouvens J., Shellsy S, Schanaission D

Parents: Adys Chezpik, Maria Urbina

Community Partners: Corina Rionda and Jessica Cullen, David Lawrence Center; Janice Paine, United Arts Council.

Attending: WF, TF, AC, JJ, SS, SD.

Minutes:

Site Coordinator reviewed 21st CCLC programming for spring semester. He also reviewed the purpose of the meeting and the proposed goals and objectives. Site Coordinator reported number of students in program and average attendance.

Staff gave an overview of spring regular activities and special events. They discussed the six groups of students and their progress through the final months of school.

Committee discussed PBL groups and talked about making improvements in the offerings. They also talked about student choice options and variety of programming.

Committee talked about addressing student needs during Power Period (homework support and tutoring). They discussed staff and volunteer monitoring and supervision.

How are we doing with communication?

It was said that we have been doing a great job with communication with the students, parents and teachers. A relationship to improve on would be the communication with the teachers of GGMS. Develop a better way to attain work from teachers so that students can work on that same work in Grace Place.

*What do you like about Grace Place so far?

Grace Place is a place where people come to get help in speaking English and some families use our food pantry. Grace Place has after school and summer programs. We discussed accessing information, referral services and community connections. Grace Place has a wide variety of field trip opportunities offered during summer programs. Students can also take advantage of the AP leadership program for service learning and college access during high school.

What would you like to see at Grace Place?

It was said that students would like to bring more work to Grace Place to get even better grades. Students would like to have more field trips during the school year program. Students would like better food during dinner time with a wider variety of options. Students would like to do cooking if possible.

Students also expressed that Grace Place makes them feel safe. They feel that it is easier to fit in at Grace Place than it is during the normal school day. Sometimes students are reluctant to be themselves during the day because of judgement. They don't not feel that way at Grace Place. The students and staff make them feel wanted.

Overall, the committee was pleased with the programming offered in collaboration with the middle school. Constant evaluation and following of recommendations has improved the program.