

GAPS Agenda for the Fourth Strategic Planning Team Meeting

Dec. 3, 2019 from 4:00-8:00 p.m.

TIME

TOPICS

4:00...Opening Comments from Melissa and Team Members
and Review Agenda

4:15...Review Second Draft of GAPS **Belief Statements**

4:45...Review First Draft and Finish Work on GAPS **Mission
Statement**

6:00...Working Dinner

6:30...Start Work on GAPS **Vision Statement**

7:45... Closing Comments from Melissa and Assign Task for
Next Meeting (Dec. 10.)

8:00...Adjourn

Second Draft of GAPS Belief Statements

1. Bridging the GAPS (This could be a very good choice for the district tagline)

Building lifelong perspectives

Respecting diverse perspectives (I may have the third word here wrong)

Instructing at the highest quality

Acronym is: Bridges

Designing aligned systems

Growing through perseverance

Ensuring equitable and genuine engagement

Strengthening social, emotional, and physical safety

2. Greater Albany Public Schools Believes in:

Learning...quality instruction, prepared students for life

Acronym is: Leaps

Equity...honor diversity, everyone engaged

Alignment...coordinated practices, shared resources

Perseverance...create resilience, overcome adversity

Safety...social emotional, physical

I favor the second one a bit more so taking from both of them, here is a draft with some of my edits and formatting for you to look at:

Greater Albany Public Schools Believes in:

Learning...high quality instruction that prepares students for life

Equity...honor diversity and engage all

Alignment...of resources, curriculum, and expectations

Perseverance...overcome adversity through determination and resolve

Safety...promote social/emotional and physical well-being

Draft of Mission Statement

Step 1...Here are the results of our word-cloud exercise where those words that received at least one vote are listed in order of frequency of dots:

Greater Teaching, Greater Learning, Greater Students, Greater Futures,
Greater Albany (12 votes)
Educate for the future (7 votes)
Opportunities (5 votes)
Educate (4 votes)
Building a solid future (4 votes)
Strengthen community (4 votes)
Kindle passion for learning (3 votes)
Compassion (1 vote)
Motivate (1 vote)
Inspire (1 vote)
Embrace (1 vote)
Community (1 vote)

Step 2...Mission statement drafts written by three different groups:

*Provide educational opportunities that bridge GAPS to transform the future.

*Building A Bridge To

Exceptional Teaching
Inspired Learning
Innovative Opportunities
Brighter Futures
Greater Albany

*Strong Education, Strong Community (this group did not finish)

Step 3...Jerry's suggestion using the work above:

Building a Bridge to brighter *futures* through exceptional *teaching*, inspired *learning*, and equitable *opportunities*. (14 words)