



CAB Agenda and Notes – 10/18/2022

- A. Welcome and 2023 forecasting
- B. Early Learning Initiative
- C. Drawn In

CAB In Attendance: Christopher Randall, Dan Herich, Francella Jackson, Jay Scherder, Jim Bilihorn, Judith Arnold, Maddy Oberman, Michele Mosley, Milton Wilkins, Rachel D'Souza-Siebert, Rick Dorsey, Ryan Barker, Shanise Terrell

Nine Staff In Attendance: Kristina Vidovic, Stephanie LaFleur

- A. Forecasting 2023
  - a. April 18 and October 17, 11:30 AM – 1 PM, hybrid
  - b. Stephanie will email to schedule 1:1 phone calls, ~20-30 minute conversations about what you like about CAB, what growing edges you notice, what you dream of
- B. Early Learning Initiative
  - a. [Educator and Caregiver Toolkit](#)
  - b. Edcamp Unconference
    - i. Final one of 2022 just occurred 10/15/22
    - ii. Shanise attended the inaugural event, describes it as a great connection-making event with great discussion, well-attended
  - c. Wittcoff Fellows
  - d. Wash & Learn pop ups
  - e. Power Hours
  - f. Alex Stallings
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- C. [Drawn In](#)
  - a. Multi-media experience
    - i. Comics
    - ii. Videos
    - iii. Web
    - iv. Community engagement
  - b. Closing the third-grade literacy gap
    - i. Studies show that kids who read comic books have stronger vocabulary/higher reading levels than those who do not
  - c. Representation
    - i. All main characters are BIPOC
    - ii. Midwest
  - d. **CAB input around *Drawn In* distribution partners:**
    - i. Distribution at Little Free Libraries?
      1. [Read in Color](#) distributes representative material for Little Free Libraries, is there partnership to be had there?

- ii. St. Charles County Library has mobile libraries
  - iii. Pop vans from St. Louis Public Library
  - iv. Ready Readers
  - v. Charter schools
  - vi. East St. Louis, Cahokia IL
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