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Training and Professional Development to Faculty/Staff

Training has been provided to faculty/staff both informally and formally throughout the first part of the school year. The faculty/staff of The Greenspire School has received training on the Google Suite of applications and Zoom, our two chosen platforms during hybrid and remote learning. For the Google Suite of applications, this includes Google Classroom, Google Calendar, uploading videos to YouTube, and Google Meet particularly for our special education students. Additionally, we have done in-house training on Zoom and its features specifically for education. This includes breakout rooms, screen sharing, and the newly added features to Zoom after their last update several weeks ago.

Additionally, faculty/staff have access to various professional development programs through our charter holder, Grand Valley State University (GVSU0. Faculty/staff members receive monthly opportunities from GVSU to receive free training for professional development hours.

Finally, faculty/staff members responsible for PowerSchool have received training to set-up the various platforms in the system needed for our various learning environments (in-person, hybrid, and fully remote).

Training Provided to Parents/Guardians

Parents have received several videos from the school to help them with access to our school's chosen platforms. For example, they have received general videos from the Head of School/Superintendent from YouTube as well as school-made videos specific to our learning platforms to help them navigate Google Classroom and Google Calendar to help students find the appropriate links for remote classes.

Additionally, our school website was updated in October 2020. Added to our website is a Toolbox page for our school community to access schedules, links to remote classes, YouTube videos created by our faculty/staff, and access to our Student Support Council for parents to access their website and links to resources.