**My Observation Notes**

9/25/16

* During a gallery walk, students struggled to gain effective visual of all materials.
  + Some students respectfully problem solved
  + Others seems to lack conflict resolution skills and became frustrated
* Desks at the end of each day are crooked and pulled apart
  + Result of struggle to get in and out
  + Often pushed out of the way to make an impromptu aisle
* During group Cornell notes, groups or partners struggled to find a spot to work.
  + Only wanted one group per table (6 tables) because reading aloud and discussing was distracting with more than one at a table
* Students try to push their way into the room while others are trying to leave for their next class.
  + This causes high anxiety for several students
  + Fan often gets in the way, but if we do not pull cool air in from the hallway the room is extremely warm

9/26/16

* When working in pairs, not all were comfortable working side by side
  + Several adjusted and found ways to work across from each other
* During think, pair, share conversations, several students tried to turn and face each other, but due to bars and awkward positions gave up or were visibly uncomfortable during the conversation
* Whole class activity where students had to physically take a side
  + Difficult for students to move quickly/easily from side to side to show a change in their position
  + Struggle to get to one side of the room originally as well
  + Students ran into both each other, and furniture
  + Does not lend itself well to the strong visual it can be because students end up curving around the room and in the middle due to lack of space

9/28/16

* Several students would turn in their chairs with their backs to their desks and legs hanging over the back of the chair
* With the chairs not attached to desks, students pull them together to sit with legs stretched out parallel to the floor
* Chair sharing! When working with partners, two young ladies squeezed together into one chair at a desk. This was an impressive feat! Although I’m not sure how they were comfortable, they made it work and were extremely productive!
* Student made a comment about not wanting to sit. She was shocked when I told her she could find a cozy spot to stand instead.
* Several students sat on tables when given the opportunity to work where they wanted to.

Other notes not specifically dated

* Rainy and cool outside, but our room was still excessively warm.
  + Students open window, or closed depending on the temperature in the room and whether or not rain was coming in.
* Many students moved independently to accommodate themselves when they could not see
* Students love the window ledge!
  + Many positions – crossed legs, feet up and parallel to floor, standing near it
  + Some even pull chairs and work there