

Instructional Practices Steering Committee

2/21/2023

Members Present: Tim Girzone, Amanda Zeller, Holly Babcock, Gina Bergskaug, Patrick West, Yolanda Flamino, Krista Whalen, Gracie D

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Note Taker: Tim Girzone

Review Meeting Minutes from November 9th

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Weighted vs Unweighted Sub-Committee:

While this subcommittee has not continued to meet, the Steering Committee has made the recommendation that HS leadership (admin and BLT) review the following points at the conclusion of the upcoming scheduling process:

- Course enrollment trends in weighted courses (since removing class rank)
- Current practices in weighting courses offered to students in Gr. 9 and Gr. 10 to determine if adjustments need to be made
 - Accelerated vs Honors
 - AP World
 - Honors Choir
 - Honors Jazz Band
- Consider impact on Gr. 7&8 students if weighted courses requiring teacher recommendations started in Gr. 9 (Trickle down effect)

Grading and Assessment Sub-Committee Updates

- The committee presented a ‘purpose of grading’ statement, which the Steering Committee reviewed and approved.
- The Steering Committee discussed the challenges of developing one singular grading philosophy and standard practice as well as the importance of having these in place at least across a course PLC.
- The Steering Committee directed the Grading and Assessment Subcommittee to review the following topics
 - Develop an Assessment Statement (Different than Grading Statement)
 - Current grading practices with regards to term weights
 - Year long courses (20% qtr’s, 10% ea. exam)

- Semester courses (40% qtr's, 20% final)
- Mid-term & Finals format

Advisory Sub-Committee

- HBHS has made use of a Home Base Cav Block 4 times this year including during a Monday schedule with 2 weeks remaining in Q2.
- A small contingency from the sub-committee has taken part in a state-wide PLC that includes teachers and administrators from around the state to evaluate effective Master Schedule models to implement Advisories and Flex Blocks.
- Preliminary conversations with Union leadership are underway to plan for a potential Home Base CavBlock Monday pilot during the '23-'24 school year.