

Instructional Council Minutes

Date 10-28-20

Time 7:30-8:10 am

Location GoogleMeet Virtual Meeting

Facilitator name Christin Johnson

Time Keeper name Suzanne Everett

Recorder name Racquel Leland

Members Present

Alfred McNeely

Amanda Allred

Anna Galfano

Brian Hendrix

Christin Johnson

Denise Dockendorff

Eric Rearden

Frank Parra

Janet Reeder

Joyce Comer

Michelle Vela

Racquel Leland

Sheila Barbour

Suzanne Everett

Trini Gallegos

Brian Laurent

Jose Lopez

Debbie Ariaz

PIG rep (Marci)

Agenda Topic – Announcements

-The school board is talking about setting a date for a back-to-school meeting, none has been set yet.

-Please don't forget to fill out the APS survey in regards to coming back in Jan.

-PDP's and walk-throughs have to be finalized by Nov. 2nd

-Trini referenced the expectations for teachers and cleaning our classrooms in-between classes if and when we return in January. It is vague, but it looks like we are expected to be responsible for our own area(s).

Agenda Topic: SLC's/Parent-Teacher Conferences

- Michelle would like our Parent/Teacher conferences to be meaningful; more of a check-in about how kids and their families are doing as opposed to a grade check.
- Denise suggested that we meet in teacher groups with kids & their parents that aren't logging in or aren't doing work.
- Trini said she has seen teachers asking their students to turn on their camera at the beginning of the period and then a couple more times throughout the day to make sure they're engaged.
- If we had conferences only for kids that are struggling, what happens for kids that aren't but parents still would like to meet?
- Mandy said in year's past teachers would have ½ day to meet 1:1 and the second ½ was for at-risk kids that needed to meet with all their teachers.
- Brian is going to check with his Advocacy kids today to see if they and their families would like to have a Parent/Teacher conference or are not going to participate.
- Anna suggested that we stick with our Advocacy kids because we had check-ins with families at the beginning of the year and we could do something like that again, there is already an open line of communication
- Jessie thought maybe we could stick with our Advocacy in the morning, then in the afternoon it could be with the high-risk kids.
- Denise said we have to figure out a way to reach the kids that need to have all of their teachers meet with their parents; maybe one day could be 1:1 and the other could be in groups.
- Michelle likes the idea of having multiple people in on a conference when there is 'bad' news as opposed to parents hearing it from one teacher after another, we would express our concern as a group and come up with a plan to help the student.
- Mandy said teachers used to meet in grade level teams and set up conferences for specific families, teachers could attend those conferences that they feel they really need to attend and prepare for it.
- Brian asked a key question: Is our goal to reach as many students as possible or to reach as many at-risk students as possible?
- Christin said we should prioritize; kids that really need a conference and then the families that would just like some time of meeting.
- Michelle suggested that this week we should find out which kids are planning to participate and those that aren't. Sometimes the kids that need it the most don't 'show up', so how do we get to those families?

-Anna thought we could have a conversation with our Advocacy kids and their families and set up a meeting in the future with a specific student's teachers. We don't need to try to cram everything in 2 days.

-Christin is going to create a form that we can use with our Advocacy kids to get an idea of which kids are going to participate those 2 days and which will take the whole week off.

Teachers can make a copy of the form for their own use, we don't need one school-wide!

-There was a lot of discussion about having one day in group conferences and one day for our own or keep both days flexible for each teacher...there was no consensus and we ran out of time so we are going to have another meeting in the near future.

Next meeting topics to cover –

Next meeting date - November 18, 2020