

Instructional Council Minutes

Date 10-14/20

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

Discussion notes

- Michelle shared that some parents had compliments for teachers, she's heard that we've been doing some great things in the classroom. Yay!
- A survey will be sent out to see how teachers are feeling about coming back in January.
- About 250 parents responded to an APS survey in regards to how the community feels about what's going on in the district. Michelle will probably send out the results in the next week or so.
- The new fence is going up, there will be plenty of openings around the school.

Agenda Topic – Tutoring progress w/ Brain and Samantha

Discussion notes

- It's been going well, about 35 students have signed up but there have been a lot of no-shows.
- They'd like to have more tutors because it's a lot for the 3 of them to divy up
- It's been challenging when students won't turn their mics on!
- It would be helpful if kids had a specific question rather than "I need help with this"
- The tutors would like to be used when they need help, not just when they haven't finished an assignment.

Agenda Topic – Edgenuity updates

Discussion notes

- Trini says teachers have the ability to customize the program and there is "how to" training going on. She asked that teachers using the program keep a record of the changes they've made (target dates, start dates, number of lessons, standards, etc.)
- She reminded us that it's a supplemental program, not a replacement for the teacher.
- It is a big topic across the district

Agenda Topic – Asynchronous Day & Vote

Discussion notes

- 61 responses: 62% of teachers voted for Wednesday and 31% said Friday, so majority rules
- Some comments: students will still log on to each class, staff meeting will stay on Wednesday as well as Advocacy

- As far as assigning new material on that day, Michelle said the spirit of the day is to get caught up, not assign new lessons but she does not want to dictate.
 - Mandy is concerned about iReady and getting in the required minutes and balancing that with teaching new material. Michelle suggested that if ELA and math teachers use 2 days for iReady, Asynch day could be for one of those 2 days.
 - There is concern that the day will be used as a 'free day' for kids who think they can not do work every other day and do it all on the assigned Asynch day.
 - Michelle said there has been a ton of feedback from the school community that kids are so overwhelmed and most would benefit from a school-wide Asynch day. As far as some students abusing the day, there are plenty of kids that don't do their work when they're at school and we can't customize the day perfectly for everyone, but the intent is worthwhile.
 - She said the day would be beneficial for teachers as well; time to grade, prep, make parent phone calls, etc.
 - Parents seem to like the middle of the week because it could be perceived as a "3 day weekend" if it was on Fridays.
 - Brian suggested that we have the day include structure and expectations.
 - The IC voting members voted for Wednesday's to be our school-wide Asynch day. 8/11 members voted for Wednesday.
- Michelle will work on a letter to parents that will include the expectations and justifications for having it.

Next meeting topics to cover –

- Michelle would like our SLC's to be a special couple days; attendance wasn't great for the Virtual Open House and she predicts there won't be a whole lot for this either. So if staff has some suggestions for how to make that become more of a Positive-Student day, please email her.

Next meeting date - October 28, 2020