

## Instructional Council Minutes

Date 1/27/2021

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

Michelle said that a Feb 8th reopening probably won't happen for APS, but it will most likely be sometime this semester. Admin is asking that teachers & staff be vaccinated and we will need subs.

The Board is meeting on Feb 3rd.

Hybrid learning will probably start with early learners, then middle and high school. A lot more information will be coming soon.

### **Agenda Topic: Scheduling and Course card requests**

Trini has a plan and she is going to stick with it whether kids come back in person or not. It will be virtual, through Science classes on March 5th. Kids will watch a video about the school and complete their registration cards online.

\*Teachers: please remember to push AVID classes for next year! The deadline is 2 days from today, but it will be extended (the school webpage has a lot of information about AVID).

Mandy added that an Journalism Invitational will be forthcoming. Special Education kids are needed!

### **Agenda Topic: Next Step Plans**

Trini said the plans will go through Science classes (because of attendance issues in Advocacy classes). Every 8th grader has to have a Next Step Plan before they head to high school. Science teachers will have training.

IC voted YES to Next Step Plans going through 8th grade Science classes

### **Agenda Topic: Feb 26th Fun Day**

Jose said on Friday the 26th, the Student Council is organizing a fundraiser.

They're creating a fun video w/ suicide prevention, talent showcase (with Flipgrid videos submitted by students), a hot chicken wing eating contest, a PS5 raffle and more. Mandy, Megan, Frank Parra are working on this.

It will be during 5th and 6th period classes, so it will take away from instructional time. For that reason, it needs to go through our constituents for discussion, but in the interest of time IC voted YES to accept. If there are concerns, please let your dept head know so they can take it to admin.

### **Agenda Topic: Tier 2 Instruction**

ELA dept: Tier 2 students should be fully immersed into the gen ed classes and there was discussion about adding a 'homeroom' (for lack of a better term) for 15-20 minutes at the end of 1st period Mon, Tues, Thursday, and Friday to further address the needs of those students. It would be a structured period of time to allow for SSR/DEAR, Genius Hour or Project Based Learning, iReady, etc.

There are concerns about it becoming another prep for teachers.

Wednesday would be the same group of kids but for 30 minutes of Advocacy.

Math dept: They are meeting today to discuss

\*This is not a decision day, IC will vote on this and any changes to the schedule at the next IC meeting.

**Agenda Topic: PD**

Equitable grading practices--TLF's are developing a differentiated PD on rubrics; Training is optional; teachers can decide if they'd like to go to a beginner or advanced level training after school for a paid \$22/hour stipend.

**Agenda Topic: Mission Statement**

Michelle said she'd like us to get into breakout rooms or discuss at PLC meetings, but would rather have these discussions in-person so we are going to wait to do this during the week teachers return in August.

Brian suggested that we have a district specialist help with that development (just for an outsider's perspective) and Christin will look into that.

\*Staff is invited to PIG meetings; third Thursday of every month. Contact Brian Laurent if you have any questions.

They are having a fundraiser during Valentine's week; balloons, flowers, etc. to be delivered to student's homes.

**Next meeting date - February 10, 2021**