

# Instructional Council Notes: 10/9/19

7:30 – 8:10 AM Library

Next meeting: 10/23/19

## Members Present

\_\_\_\_\_ Mandy Allred  
\_\_\_\_\_ Debbie Ariaz  
\_\_\_\_\_ Sheila Barbour  
\_\_\_\_\_ Joyce Comer  
\_\_\_\_\_ Denise Dockendorff  
\_\_\_\_\_ Suzanne Everett  
\_\_\_\_\_ Frank Parra  
\_\_\_\_\_ Anna Galfano  
\_\_\_\_\_ Trini Gallegos  
\_\_\_\_\_ Annie Gomez  
\_\_\_\_\_ Brian Hendrix  
\_\_\_\_\_ Christin Johnson  
\_\_\_\_\_ Kimberly Mackey  
\_\_\_\_\_ Glenn McNeely  
\_\_\_\_\_ JD Enciso (parent)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Jennifer Drexler (parent)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Michelle Vela  
\_\_\_\_\_ Vincent Montoya  
\_\_\_\_\_ Jessie Olson  
\_\_\_\_\_ Eric Reardon

**Announcements:** No announcements: info coming out on Monday's via e-mail from administration.

**Flocabulary use:** Costs a few thousand dollars a year. We currently have 150 students and 18 teachers who use Flocabulary regularly. Not sure if that is enough to justify cost. We currently have 30 days left on our subscription. There is a quote in to Miranda, and we are looking at whether or not this is worth the cost.

There is a possibility of switching from Flocabulary to Brain Pop, which also costs about \$2,600. Department chairs and goal team leaders should go back to their constituents and determine which program teachers would use.

There has been no formal training for Flocabulary. Please discuss with departments regarding Flocabulary vs. Brain Pop.

**Purchase of Discovery Ed by the school?** Science department would like to look into using this. There is a guess that it will be too expensive. There are thoughts that Discovery Education is \$15-20K. We spent a lot of money on AR and iReady, so there is probably not room in the budget for DE. Question of using Science Department money. There is only \$1,500 given to science supplies. There are major issues in the science department when it comes to resources. Christin will look into the information about Discovery Ed.

**Family Fun Nights** – Suggestion made to condense them. Perhaps one per semester. Discussion about making them actually “Fun.” There was math teaming with science. Families didn’t stay long for the Math and Science night. IC members need to go back to the departments and get something organized for their group.

Decision was made to have a math/science night and an SS/ELA night. Related Arts teachers will need to sign up to attend one or the other.  
Dates will be determined at next meeting.

**Science fair?** The science department could organize this and provide materials. Who will judge? Can Intel and Sandia Labs assist?  
(We will add this to the next IC meeting to figure out logistics of a Science Fair)

**AR Implementation-** No new information is currently available. Sharon and Luke have worked diligently to manually enter all student information requested by the AR company because AR and Synergy aren’t compatible with each other.  
Some teachers still need passwords; Sharon is still working on problem solving this.

### **Goal Team Report Outs-**

**Staff Satisfaction-** working through birthday list. The QSA group is celebrating coming out day, so some kids will be in rainbow wear. The custodian’s appreciated the cleaning, but there were some issues with gathering supplies. This worked well to have the conversation with kids. Question about ownership, doing this more often? It would be great if each Advocacy class took ownership of an area of the school, and so the class can work on that area as it needs it. Maybe cleaning the rails to the stairs, etc. Maybe having the students work on ownership would be good.

**Advocacy-** Lessons going out on time each month. Annie will resend the link to the lessons. There are still behavior issues and very few students are having buy-in. There was discussion that the team-building activities seem to work better than more academic lessons. There is discussion about using WIN time for advocacy. Still a question about time. Advocacy is required for 30 minutes a week. Accountability needs to be built in, and teachers need to be discussing their expectations with their students. Jefferson had 30 minutes a day, digital portfolios. Still issues with enough technology.

**Student Incentives-** No meeting held yet. Just sent a memo. Counselors will probably need some help with their Kindness Matters initiative.

**Leadership-** Next scheduled meeting is Monday after school. There is some discussion on ALICE trainings, and making sure that some things are clarified. Memos coming out about information that is happening in our school have been helpful. The team is trying to get staff involved in what they need/want.

**Family Engagement-** The PIG group needs more help. They are still not seeing support from the staff. The group keeps saying that they need more help, and it isn’t showing up. The money is all staying with the parent group. Fall Festival needs additional booths. Please encourage teachers to sign up!

**Extra Information:** The door at the end of 7<sup>th</sup> grade hall is always open. The portable people would need an access key. There are issues with getting the keys to people. An architect has come to meet with admin about getting access cards. We are ready to do it here if we can. There is hope that there will be progress before December.