

Instructional Council Notes 11/13/19

7:30 – 8:10 AM Library

Next meeting 12/11/19

Members Present

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

1. Announcements-
 - a. Student Store “cheat day” will be November 22nd. The student store will serve food that kids like (hence the name “cheat day”.) This will serve as a fundraiser for the PIG group.
 - b. There is an assembly schedule tomorrow for the Orchestra.
 - c. There is a Winter Ball December 13th 6-8pm.
2. A.R.- Finally launching. There are 4 one-hour PD classes online with ELA teachers. The A.R. program will begin in January. There are 3 one-hour sessions after the first session on Nov. 21st. The teachers will be looking at the tests that students take, how the program works, etc. **Teachers will begin using the AR program starting Jan. 7, 2020.** Renewal of A.R. is in September, 2020. Trini will call the company and asking for an extension as we got a late start.
3. Family Fun Night -
 - a. February 25th is the Jazz Café. Related Arts classes will participate. Possibly Science as well.
 - b. Then S.S./ELA will be April. We are looking at the 6th or 7th of April for the FFN for Social Studies and ELA.
 - c. Math/Science will be when??? Maybe include in Feb. 25 or April nights?

4. Dress Code Committee-
 - a. Brian discussed that this could be very difficult to roll-out. To combat that, he suggested that the committee come up with three dress-code options and then parents can vote on the options. One option would be to have the APS dress code. The 2nd option would be to continue with JMMS dress code but have it more streamlined, without so many caveats. The third option could be more uniform style dress code, with certain color polos and pants.
 - b. Need to have an idea in place by March of 2020, so that things are not surprising for next year.
 - c. **The suggestion is to start with a team of teachers to narrow the ideas (January 6th, 2020 could be the first meeting with teachers)** and then bring in parents and students.
 - d. Frank Parra was suggesting to vote on having a more relaxed dress code, and they have looked at Rio Rancho and Desert Ridge who both use APS dress code and they are doing fine. He is suggesting that his students say that they sometimes miss school just because of dress code.
 - e. Admin is saying that they also hear the opposite from families that they love the stricter dress code.
 - f. Michelle brought up an email about dress code and suggested we start small with allowing sweatshirts/hoodies. **Michelle said that from Thanksgiving on we allow students to wear sweatshirts of their choosing (within APS dress code). Students must be sure to wear a collared shirt underneath, and teachers will need to check for this!** . Take the idea of the hoodies to your constituents.
 - g. Still issues with id's needing to be printed
5. Grade Level Field Trips- Thursday the 14th of May would be the new date for Cliffs. If the other groups want to keep the 19th then the 8th grade would think of something. The team thinks they'd rather change all field trips to the same date. 7th grade is fine with it. **So, all field trips are changed to May 14th.**
6. PD Topics- most people don't want to present, but some teachers are offering to teach PD about Flocabulary and Brain Pop, Google Classroom, and Literature Circles, Google Docs, etc. Christin will have a complete agenda on December 7th. **Teachers will sign up for classes in Google Docs before Winter break.**
7. Schedule Changes-
 - a. Trini got information on how to save and transfer the grades over when a schedule change happens. They need to print the grades first, and then they can transfer them over. Page 7 of agenda has schedule change information.
 - b. Michelle has said that there are some times where she has changed schedules to save face of the teacher rather than fight that battle. The situations have been considered on an individual basis. There has been a few times when schedules have been changed due to student conflicts.
 - c. If there is an issue please CC the administration with the e-mails from the family. There has been a small amount of requests fulfilled.
8. Intervention Time for Next Year's Advocacy- WIN time, tier II? Tier II is supposed to be an intervention within the tier I classroom. If we make it a skinny, it does go in as an

additional prep on their class. The tier II skinny could violate the teacher contract. If we don't agree as an entire school then we can't really ask teachers to prep that extra prep.

According to the tier II teachers, this year's tier II seems to be working, but the amount of extra hours which are put in due to extra meetings should get some compensation.

It was discussed that next year the administration is looking at spreading out tier II classes among teachers to lighten the workload and give everyone the opportunity to teach the students who need tier II.