

Instructional Council Minutes

Date 4-14-21

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

Agenda Topic – Announcements

-Reminder that conflict resolution and self-control should be part of our regular teachings, there have been some student conflicts as they try to remember how to act around their peers after more than a year away.

We have two options for advocacy class make-up for next year:

- Be assigned a random group of students and keep the same students for 3 years as we have been doing
- Teachers would be assigned a group of 18-20 students from their current class lists. Starting in the 2021-2022 school year, 6th grade students assigned to a 6th grade teacher would loop with that teacher for 3 years. 7th grade students assigned to a 7th grade teacher would loop with that teacher for 2 years.

8th grade students would be assigned to an 8th grade teacher. These teachers would have 6th graders for the 2022-2023 school year and loop with them for 3 years.

- Special education teachers will vote on if they want to have their caseload students during advocacy

The ATF/APS document mandates that we loop with students each year, but the IC should be able to make it work for what's best for our students.

-IC members (the 11 voting members) need to ask their constituents to vote on one of the 2 options listed above.

Agenda Topic: Dept and Goal Team Leaders re-election

-Letters of interest are due to Michelle by April 30th for the following positions:

Social Studies dept. chair

Related Arts dept. chair

Leadership goal team leader

Student Incentives goal team leader/all 3 grade level chairs

Staff Satisfaction goal team leader

Advocacy goal team leader

-3 TLF positions are open for election starting next year (it is a 2 year position). Interested teachers will answer a list of questions instead of providing a letter of interest.

Agenda Topic: Extended School Year

-It looks like we will not have extra days or hours this school year (as of today) but will for the 2021-2022 school year.

Agenda Topic: End of Year Activities

-6th grade is going to do a Fun Day: kahoot or some kind of socially distanced game in the classroom and then a movie in the afternoon, maybe some food trucks. Friday, May 21st is the day they are looking at

-7th grade is going to discuss it this Friday at their grade level meeting

-8th grade is also meeting this Friday to finalize their plans (which is similar to the 6th grade plan). Also, Monday, May 24th for a drive-through promotion maybe from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

-Michelle said there is some money to pay teachers the overtime to attend that celebration.

-Friday, May 21st will be Fun Day

Agenda Topic: PD Days in August

-The proposed schedule from APS has kids starting on August 4th, so we would start PD on July 28th. Check the APS website for calendar

<https://www.aps.edu/schools/school-calendars-and-grading-periods/school-calendars-2021-2022>

-Topics such as Haptitudes and the new e-hall pass and restorative practices, equitable grading, AVID, and Google Rubrics will be part of the first 5 days back

-Schools can decide for themselves if they'd like the 10 extra days be infused with the existing calendar, so maybe one will be in August and another in October but PD will still be part of the first 5 days we are back, beginning July 28th

Next meeting date - April 28, 2021