

Instructional Council Meeting Minutes

Date __9-27-23__

Time __8:15 - 9:05am__

Location __Library__

Facilitator name __Christin Johnson__

Time Keeper name __Cara Heck__

Recorder name __Mandy Allred__

Members Present

___ Amanda Allred

___ Sheila Barbour

___ Joyce Comer

___ Lauren Condon

___ Teresa Fierro

___ Cara Heck

___ Christin Johnson

___ Steve MacMaster

___ Nolan Mulroy

___ Jessie Olson

___ Olivia Oyinatumba

___ Glenn McNeely

___ Anna Rogge

___ David Sedillo

___ Geoff Smith

___ Megan Thompson

___ Michelle Vela

___ Samantha Warren

___ Ash Dylan (Student Teacher)

Agenda Topic – Announcements

Olivia Talked to Michelle, and there is nothing to report from her. Both the Principal and Vice Principal had to be at the high schools for SREB observations.

ALICE Training: If you will not be here on October 12th please let Olivia know. She needs to let you know which trainings you can attend to make-up ALICE training.

Paper is being used at James Monroe, and the district is noticing. So good job!

The office is working on finishing up the walk-throughs.

Agenda Topic: Skinny

Science knows that we need to support reading and math, but they are torn on a skinny. They feel their time would be best used by supporting reading, writing, and math in their classroom curriculum.

Some teachers in Social Studies have said that they don't want to learn a new program. Also, both Science and Social Studies are in favor of DEAR time, and they don't want that to go away.

Megan brought up that it would be fairly easy to train the staff on Lexia, but we'd like to get the data available to everyone. She agrees that everyone needs the data. However, Cara brought up that giving the data to the "skinny" teacher might make it feel more like another prep, and a skinny can't be another prep.

Christin said that she would have to create groups for each teacher to have access to iReady data. It is a lot of work, but not impossible.

The district is pushing for 75 minutes per week on Lexia in our ELA classrooms as well as the use of our specific curriculum. This is making it difficult for ELA teachers to meet all of the district goals.

There is a lot of concern regarding labs and transition time for labs in science and related arts.

There are concerns that some teachers won't actually do the interventions required to make the skinny successful.

We will look at schedules from schools who actually have a skinny built in.

Agenda Topic: Writing expectations:

The ELA department is asking for the whole school to work on capitalization, making sure that "I" is capitalized, and ending punctuation. The entire school is working on these. There was a good discussion about how the social studies, science, and related arts are using the same requirements. It is helpful if the teachers actually build some type of assessment regarding writing into their rubrics and communicate that with home.

ELA is currently working on a slideshow presentation which will include rubrics, expectations, and exemplars.

Agenda Topic:

March 26th: The departments are excited about the career fair and international day. The departments are feeling like those days are really important to do on a normal day. We would not like to have the career fair/international fair on March 26th. Most attendees agreed that these days are really important and the 26th has too many unknowns.

Maybe we would make that day as a fun day/incentive day on that day. We could maybe do the staff vs. student volleyball/basketball game that day. We could call the day Spring Fling.

Science department was saying that they would like it to be academic on this day. They were thinking about having a career/international day combined.

However, she feels that March 26th is too unknown to do a lot of work/planning for. We'd like to pull something really cool together maybe in place of Thematic Day.

Mandy and Megan were thinking about possibly having a JMMS walk-a-thon or color-run or fun day fundraiser for the school on March 26th.

Agenda Topic: Crossroads and OneABQ Presentations

7th Grade Crossroads counseling will be held through their Health classes.

Monday October 16th for 6th Graders through PE and Tech

Monday, October 23rd for 8th Graders through Social Studies classes

The administration is still talking to the OneAbq group about possibly postponing the non-violence assembly for the spring. Apparently a pretty raw training, and there is concern that the kids aren't ready for this presentation.

There was a lot of discussion around how strongly the IC feels that our students need more support and proactive lessons regarding drug and alcohol abuse.

Agenda Topic: E-Hall Pass

The e-Hall Pass is being used for all types of passes. Christin has talked to the counselors about making sure that the paper hall pass is used in addition to a-Hall pass. The front office will also be sending a paper pass and making an e-Hall pass for students. Please accept these passes digitally when you receive them.

Agenda Topic: Asynchronous Snow Day

1. All students will have a Google Classroom assignment posted.
2. Optionally: teachers will provide Google Meet time/office hours/hold hours during class.
3. You MUST BE AVAILABLE ALL DAY via Google Chat or email. (You are getting paid for the day.) The students need to know how to reach you.
4. If a student doesn't have wi-fi access, they get an extra day to complete the work missed on the snow-day.

Agenda Topic: High Needs conferences:

Email will be coming imminently from Megan Thompson.

Google Form: needs filled out by October 6th. The responses will be coming to grade level leaders; grade level lists will be put in the Admin Google Classroom by October 10th; the Advisory teachers will schedule the high needs conferences ASAP.

Next Meeting: October 11, 2023