

Instructional Council Meeting Minutes

Date 9/13/23

Time _7:15 - 8:05am___

Location _Library___

Facilitator name _Christin Johnson___

Time Keeper name _Suzanne Everett___

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
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Agenda Topic – Announcements

Miranda will be back today. New teacher Renee Brinson. She will be our new 6th grade math teacher in special education. She is coming to us from Taft. There is another teacher coming for an interview from McKinley to interview for the SpEd ELA position.

Michelle has been enjoying her meetings with the staff for data discussions. If you have not signed up for a data discussion with Michelle, please make sure to use the Calendly link to sign up.

Olivia and Michelle are working on their walk-throughs. They are doing some of their walk-throughs together and others separate. They are focusing on engagement and questioning. Remember DOK 1 is not a bad thing, but it is the base area of understanding, and we are working on pushing them into DOK 2-4. We need to deviate from yes/no answers. Make sure they are working on analyzing the work in class.

SREB will be here on the 18th to visit with the leaders of the SREB teams.

Olivia will be out some next week, and Michelle will be out the last week of September. They are being asked by the district to visit high schools to give feedback.

Agenda Topic: DEAR Time

Teresa sent out a survey and received 32 responses. 42.8% gave DEAR time a 4 and 28.1% gave a 5; 15.6% gave it a 3; 13.1% gave it a 2; 9.4 gave it a 1.

Plus: Some teachers reported that students like the quiet time. Many teachers like reading and reading for fun.

Deltas: transitions, lots of n/a, struggles with students with very low reading levels, some teachers struggle with kids not finding the books they enjoy. Make sure to hold the teachers accountable. Some teachers aren't holding the standard.

Suggestions: Perhaps advisory on how to pick the correct book. Rachael is working on ordering books that are more at the appropriate level. Those orders will go in during October. Prize system. Some teachers enjoy reading novels to the class.

Discussion: Nolan brought up that the culture of the class has been really excellent because he reads as a class. Jessie would like to advocate for skinny time everyday. The culture with advisory is not great, and it will improve if we hit them everyday.

Jessie brought up that If this was an advisory/skinny we could do reading/math iXL; Power UP. It will help equalize the issues with prep/time and inequity. Michelle brought up that each student would be enriched and remediated. Mandy explained that Power Up would not need Advisory. Teresa brought up the issue with a skinny possibly eliminating DEAR time. Olivia would like us to remember that an Advisory schedule each day would reduce our individual class time.

Next Steps: Proposals for next year for the possible skinny. It cannot be an extra prep for teachers. It could be possible to pay someone to help monitor and organize this system.

Agenda Topic: Writing Expectations

ELA department will put together a slideshow with writing expectations. We would very much like to have all students graded on capitalization and ending punctuation.

We are also putting together a Google slideshow with information/suggestions regarding RACE writing and CER responses. Suggested RACE/CER rubrics will be added to the Google Classroom as reference materials.

Agenda Topic: Career Day

March 26th: Grade level meetings discussion regarding career day.

7th: More questions than answers. How do we organize this? Will it be an assembly schedule? Is everyone working together? Can we ask community members to be here all day? How do we ensure that students are seeing/visiting careers they are interested in. Perhaps a passport/incentives tied to actually talking to people.

Social Studies had similar issues/questions.

8th was talking about stations. How would it work? Is it something that takes all day? Should we send a survey asking if families are going to come?

Sheila said that at the high school they set up in the gym and then teachers brought them down in groups. Some groups may be willing to come for an entire day.

Anna suggested perhaps we do an international day. Maybe we could have a multicultural day. Anything we can do for family engagement would be great.

Agenda Topic: Crossroads Counselor Presentation:

The Crossroads Counselors are going to go into 8th grade classrooms. The high school doesn't want to go to 7th grade. We must figure out which class to present to the 8th grade.

Monica Newman will be interning with the counselors in the afternoon, so keep an eye out for passes from her and say hello.

There are some issues with the e-hall pass coming from the counselors. So, they will send a paper pass.

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