

# Instructional Council Meeting Minutes

Date 11/8/23

Time \_8:15 - 9:05am\_

Location \_Library\_

Facilitator name \_Christin Johnson\_

Time Keeper name Lauren Condon

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

## Agenda Topic – Announcements

Michelle- We are currently down 1.5 custodians. So, if you are having major issues please let administration know. The old boards are getting replaced. There should be 41 new boards.

January 25th Westside day at the capital; we are only allowed to take 25 kids.

There is a missing inventory list. Luke and Elias will be looking for these items. The more items we find the better.

Behavior Intervention Plan information was given to the administration during their training yesterday. This will be shared.

Our school has the 2nd highest completion rate for the APS Skills, Habits, and Mindsets Student Survey SY 23-24 sent out by the district. Way to go!!

## Agenda Topic: Proposed Schedule for Next School Year

There are some proposals regarding schedules for next year. Cara Heck brought three proposed schedules for the IC to consider. These proposals would include two skinny (Advisory) periods on two days a week. Then, the days with the skinny would be on a block schedule to give time for labs/etc. The proposed schedules would reverse when you meet the students on the block days. (I.E. Fifth period and Sixth period would be in the morning on those skinny days.)

There are some issues with the time of the B-lunch. It would be pretty late. Maybe we could do the Advisory/skinny after lunch to help with the time for B-lunch.

There are some questions regarding other schools who are using a blended schedule. Christin is going to look into how other schools are using a blended schedule. She is curious about how testing data aligns as well.

### **Agenda Topic: Assembly Schedule**

The general assembly schedule was fine. There are more issues when it was the assembly that just pulled for one grade level at a time; and it messed up the day. Any assembly by grade level throws off the teacher's day.

There were probably issues because the two grade level assemblies were so close. The only assemblies

### **Agenda Topic: Call of the Wild Field Trip**

SpEd and ELD students second to better serve Martinez-Yazzi populations. Criteria for attending? How many? There is a letter regarding eligibility for the trip. Please go over this letter with your constituency groups.

[Call of the Wild - Eligible Student Requirements](#)

### **Agenda Topic: Science Night with Explora**

Proposed date for Explora February 29th for Science Night with Explora. The Science department will discuss times of the event, and send those out.

Any other evenings planned? Maybe a cultural night or a career night? We have tons of brushes and boards and painting supplies. Maybe we could have a painting station at one of these evenings?

### **Agenda Topic: 8th Grade Field Trip**

8th Grade Field Trip May 28th. First choice is Cliffs if that is available. If not, possibly multiple locations for 8th graders to attend. That way kids can sign up for the location they'd like to attend (via google form).

Doing the "promotion" ceremony/certificate prior to the 8th grade dance on a Saturday; May 25th promotion 6:30-7:00 pm; dance 7-9 pm. This way we set up a promotion photo booth "meet and greet" outside before the dance and don't have to come on a separate day.

There will most likely be shifts for this, and teachers can sign up. Keep in mind that the 24th is a PD day.

Another idea for 8th graders is a hand print mural on the windows to make them look like stained glass.

### **Agenda Topic: Elective Equity**

Are there plans to hire any more elective teachers. There is not enough budget until February or March to add electives. Unfortunately, when budgets get cut, the electives are the first thing that gets cut. Spanish hasn't been a popular elective choice, but some kids have asked for it. Kids want more hands-on electives. Michelle said that she has been trying to get more electives through the use of the gifted teachers.

Another issue that has come up; it has been brought up that some elective teachers are getting students moved out into other electives. This makes it feel like some teachers are becoming a dumping ground. The main issues have been classes that had stipulations going in. If we want to take away stipulations, then we have to uphold them.

There are some issues with ideas of some kids not starting in beginning music classes at 8th grade. Historically, we've had 8th graders in beginning music classes to learn even a second instrument.

Please have counselors let teachers know why students are moving around, especially late in the year.

Next Meeting: December 13, 2023