

Instructional Council Meeting Minutes

Date 4-10-24

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

Lauren Condon

Teresa Fierro

Cara Heck

Christin Johnson

Linda MacMaster

Steve MacMaster

Nolan Mulroy

Jessie Olson

Olivia Oyinatumba

Glenn McNeely

Anna Rogge

Geoff Smith

Michelle Vela

Samantha Warren (on leave)

JD Harding

Christine Herrera

Agenda Topic – Announcements

6th grade night- it worked well to let parents see the school. There was a lot of space, and it was pretty quick. They may be able to shave time off of the 6th grade night next year. Mrs. Vela would like to have more of the future offerings available next year. It is nice for parents to not only see what is available next year, but in the future as well. It is nice to offer this evening because a lot of parents are now shopping for schools.

Honor roll assemblies are on Friday.

FIT meeting is Thursday night.

Administration thinks that they will know class assignments for next year by the first two weeks of May. The admin will try to honor teacher requests as much as possible, but everything is driven by the schedule. The one-off classes, like Journalism, Advanced classes, FCCLA, etc. drive the schedule.

Next year the grade level assignments will not be really pure, especially in ELA and math. Please be prepared to plan for multiple grade levels.

Middle schools have been approved to teach Esports. That will be a new course next year as long as the curriculum board approves it. Dr. Harvey has a list of kids who will be in Esports. He will still have his other classes.

We will continue to prep by department. When this happens it makes the schedule have periods that are skinny and other periods that are ballooned up. The goal is to keep all classes under 30. It is very difficult to balance the schedule when we have entire departments unavailable for a certain period. The district is pushing for teaming, but right now we are allowed to keep prepping by department.

We will loop with Advisory next year.

Agenda Topic: Duty Schedule

Christine put out a Google Form. Every certified staff member will have duty 5 days a week for 15 minutes. There is no guidance regarding the bell schedule yet. We will have the same duty every day either morning or afternoon, a few people signed up for lunch.

Christine did her best to put everyone in the schedule where they requested. The schedule is subject to change and will be shared soon. Duty stations may also change depending on the prep period.

Agenda Topic: DEAR Time and Teaming

Still unknowns due to schedule. It has been brought up to tie DEAR time to announcements. There are questions about Focus teams vs. Goal teams. We are unsure what we will do for next year.

TLF's will not be brought back.

DEAR time: Teresa's Focus team suggested playing the news on a loop in the cafeteria and before school. (Possible issues with noise and student focus.) The team also believes that DEAR time is supporting the 90 Day plan. It should be embedded in the schedule.

ELA discussed that DEAR time does have a lot of benefits. If we can't keep DEAR time, is there any way we can encourage home reading more? Could we provide some type of home reading incentive?

Math department feels that reading is important. It would be better to do it at the beginning of the period than the end of the day.

Could we make sure that the smallest group of teachers have prep at this time?

Agenda Topic: No backpacks?

Lots of discussion about the issues with no backpacks. There are lots of issues with lockers. There are issues with phones/trash etc.

What do people think about clear backpacks instead? There may be issues with getting clear backpacks for students. There will be pencil pouches etc.

The vapes are rarely in the backpacks anyway. Lots of kids are keeping them in their undergarments.

In terms of discipline cell phones are a bigger problem than backpacks. There are still some teachers allowing phones, and that is a bigger problem.

The bigger issue is really the bathrooms being closed. There are a lot of issues with kids being out of class for a long period of time, and some teachers don't allow bathroom passes.

Agenda Topic:

Pep rally May 31? ½ day? (We still haven't officially heard, but everyone is proceeding as if it is.)

May 28 grade level activities day

6th (courtyard in AM and classes in PM)

7th gr. (park in AM and courtyard in PM)

8th grade (Main Event, Top Golf, Elevate) We have three buses. The field trip will be limited to 150 students.

Cheat day as a Fundraiser on May 29 - extra trash cans - can we use this \$ to purchase books for DEAR time for students? Cara brought up May 23rd as a possible better date for this.

Next Meeting: May 8, 2024