

Instructional Council Meeting Minutes

Date 4-24-24

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

Christine Herrera

Michelle Vela

Samantha Warren (on leave)

Chrissy Kuhlman

Agenda Topic – Announcements

Today is Secretary's Day. We did hire a new secretary since Lydia has been a sub. The new secretary is Elizabeth Andrade.

The administration is working on scheduling and preparing the schedule. They don't know the preps just yet. There are not going to be a lot of changes in teaching assignments/content area.

Curriculum Board has said we are a top model school for using Lexia Power Up. The state wanted us to do a model school program, but it is a very big task, and with the ELA department taking on Amplify next year, we are not going to follow the program. However, we will still be funded by the state to have Lexia Power Up next year. We don't know how many years this will last. The district wants all of us to have the AIMS training. It looks like all educators will be AIMS trained in the next few years.

E-Sports: Dr. Harvey presented to the Curriculum Board. He did a great job, and E-Sports will now be a course offering for next year. He was able to show the academic connections. The administration went to Amplify training, and are excited about it.

Agenda Topic: Duty Schedule

Our duty day and bell schedule change have thrown things off a little bit.

For Next Year:

Teacher Duty: 7:50-2:50 Morning Duty

Teacher Duty: 8:05-3:05 Afternoon Duty

Student Schedule: 8:05-2:50

[Possible Bell Schedule:](#) (Remember this is JUST a DRAFT)

If you need to change your duty schedule, it is your responsibility to find someone to trade with. Once that happens, you MUST let Christine know, so she can change the information on the schedule.

The administration is waiting on further guidance from the district regarding lunch duty.

Agenda Topic: DEAR Time

There is a loss of instructional time, so there has been some suggestions. One is doing the DEAR time 2nd after announcements.

Another option would be doing DEAR time during Advisory.

The school did purchase books for the entire school. The book purchased is Middle School the Worst Years of My Life: by James Patterson.

Jessie said that the draft bell schedule looks good to keep DEAR time during the second period.

How do we handle the second period prep issues? It is proposed to continue partnering with another teacher if you have the 2nd period prep to help support DEAR time.

One more two-week period to discuss and vote. Please talk with your constituent groups to figure out your team's thoughts.

Geoff said that if we do DEAR time in Advisory we could build lessons around them.

Agenda Topic: Synergy Points for School Wide Incentives

We could use the behavior points in Synergy to create a more positive environment. It helps with financial literacy and building the environment of our school.

Parents can see points in ParentVue.

Christine also thinks it is a good way to communicate with parents. It shows parents the plus and minus.

Teresa brought up that it is a lot of work. It may be too much to do this for every teacher to do for every kid. Michelle brought up that it is an issue because all teachers need to do it for the entire day.

The suggestion is to start with a certain amount of points and it is only used as a way to deduct points rather than add points. It could be used in place of/conjunction with classroom contracts.

Cara said that she has been at two schools who ran an incentive program. The school that did a great job had a person in charge of the program. It is important that we figure out who could be in charge of this.

Agenda Topic: Focus Teams vs. Goal Teams

Michelle's understanding is that there isn't a requirement for Focus Teams next year. If we aren't required to do Focus Teams should we go back to Goal Teams?

Agenda Topic: PD 2024-2025 Memo

The union and district put out a joint memo on our back to school and winter break PD days.

- *Our staff has said in the past that they like the teacher work day after the PD.
- *Cara brought up that the August 1st jump start would be a lot on teachers and families.
- *Could we do ½ day prep on the 1st and ½ on the 6th?
- *Is there anyway to preserve the whole day for teachers and not have the jump start on the 1st?

 PD memo 2024-2025 (2).pdf

Agenda Topic: End of year activities on calendar

Pep rally May 31? ½ day? Still no word from the district on the schedule.

May 28 grade level activities day - finish planning this day during April 26 PD 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)

Cheat day as a Fundraiser on May 23rd during lunches?? (senate help organize a portion of this day) - extra trash cans

Next Meeting: 5-8-24