

Minutes IC Meeting November 19, 2021

Meeting attendance: Michele Chapman, Jesus Diaz Pena, Melissa El-Helo, Alicia Fabianczyk, Elisabet Garcia, Melissa Genz, Heather Heinz, Noemi Hernandez, Erin Jackle, Elizabeth Ma, Carol Mammoser, Dawn McCusker, Jen Misek, Milena Nedeljkovic, Gina Pelletiere, Craig Pflueger, Martha Renteria, Sylvia Rodriguez, Don Selusnik, Brigid Trimble, and Kyle Wright.

Absent: Luis Fernando De Leon, Abbie Eklund, Cynthia Hernandez, Ramiro Juarez, Jen Menke, Pedro Perez, Farrah Stephen, and Jennifer Williamson.

Guests/Observers:

October Minutes: Motion to approve amended October minutes. Approved. 18 approve, none opposed, 1 abstained

Action Item:

None

Initial Presentations

Accelerator EDU

- Council viewed PowerPoint Presentation

Questions:

- In what format will the capstone project be presented and who will be the evaluators of these artifacts.
 - Depends on the presentation. Community members decide to fund or not to fund the project.
- Will this course have the mentorship aspect from outside businessmen/women?
 - Yes, business community members come in and interview students. The students also interview the community members and they decided who would be the best mentor for them.
- Are you capping the program at 90 year?
 - It is capped at 90.
- Can students come in later?
 - No

Informational Updates

SHS Magnet Academy

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Questions:

- Can you explain the Academy English and how dual ALE will be compatible?
 - It's the ALE courses they already have.
- ESL how will that be integrated in the picture?
 - Under the Electives is where they can find it.

- Slide 9 – Biology/Chemistry in Spanish?
 - Freshman will stay in Spanish
- ALE will be an elective to English? Honors track for Academy English?
 - Unsure at this time. A decision has not been made.
- Dual Language math also? Applied Integrated Math in Spanish?
 - Offered in Spanish also.
- Is there a class already attending? Who is teaching these courses? What is the application process for students and teachers?
 - Yes, there are students going through some of the classes. Dual Math Teachers or Dual qualified. Students application process is the same as last year. 2.0 grade point average, 2 letters of recommendations, and they will go through the lottery.
- What happens to newcomers (interrupted education students)
 - We are currently creating a support plan for students that might be struggling.
- Will it be going to other high schools?
 - Yes, this is just the SHS Academy
- Difference in honors vs regular. Regardless of DL or non, shouldn't the standards and learning targets of the courses be the same? Don't we want all students to be meeting the standards?
 - Business courses will be offered in English & Spanish as needed. We have to follow what DL has established.
- For students who may not have the best grades, will it be a challenge to get two recommendations? How about students who do not know how to advocate for themselves but is very interesting in the magnet school? Will there be support for them?
 - Yes, we are being much more intentional. Working with counselors at the middle and high schools. Along with the administrators at the middle and high schools.
 - Letters don't have to come from teachers. Just a non-related adult.
 - The department goal is to reach all students so that they are all aware of this opportunity.
- Lottery? I could fill out the application and not get in?
 - Yes, that is correct. Implementing the lottery removes a lot of the requirements.
- What are the requirements for this academy?
 - 2.0 grade point average, 2 letters of recommendations.

U-46 Rising

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Questions:

- What are the plans moving forward for LSI?
 - It will still be here. We will release applications for 2 elementary, 2 middle school and gather more interest. Current school with rigor and equity will continue to work.
- When are we going to start?
 - Now, is our opportunity to do that.
- Is it possible to get a scope and sequence of learning so that schools have a better understanding of the work?
 - We have success criteria we would like to come back to present.
- Roll out concerns learning targets.
 - We agree the 5F rigor walk data.
- Concerned with having these expectations without training.

- We suggest accessing the facility coach. Have discussions and look at the hand book.
- When were the foldables sent out?
 - Yes, last week.
- For consistency among buildings/classrooms/ departments, how often coaches from LSI meet to share teachers' questions, celebrations, and concerns?
 - We are working on how that will work best for us.
- Everyone at the 5 elementary of rigor have training and access to coaching. They like everyone else are expected to do the same thing? Is there a plan for all schools to have a coach?
 - Yes, and yes, it is the plan for coaches to go to all schools.
- With all this training, how will new staff be brought up to date as this moves forward?
 - Yes, we are having discussion about this.
- I assume that the process will be used each year for the leadership team will be used as stated in the grievance resolution.
 - There will be a call to committee when new leadership is needed.

C&I Update

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Questions:

- Summative at the Elementary Level
 - Touching base with students. Not a test but a check in. Looking to remove progress report.
- Teacher's input in the development of this course?
 - We didn't have teachers look at the course. But we have been listening to teachers input.
- Access to other grade level resource pages.
 - Celia will give access to the other grade levels once you email her.
- How do teachers find the grade level Canvas courses?
 - It was shared with teachers during the Summer at August PD and at September DCD.
- Course sheet question African America studies is listed.
 - Yes, it is coming in January pending board approval. There should be an asterisk next to it indicating that it is pending board approval.
- Course sheet question is the Physics listing correct?
 - It should be AP Physics 1
- U-46 Rising PD Canvas who is the person in charge of it?
 - Professional Development – Heather Fellows
- With the change of PPD dates and March 4 being PPD now, do you know if there is another LSI training planned? SSS department is working on potential offerings and securing a consultant for that day so it would be nice to know...
 - No LSI on March 4. It will be a Kane County Day.
- Concerns about science common assessments. Not the content but the Spanish translations and the student friendly format.
 - Send it to Celia so she can get it Fixed.

Other

Summary Statements

Instructional Council view a presentation on Accelerator EDU

Instructional Council received an update on SHS Magnet Academy, U-46 Rising, and C&I.