

Minutes IC Meeting January 19, 2017

Meeting attendance: Laura Alegria, Celia Banks, Chris Bucchi, Jen Bury, Sara Elwood, Sherri Hope, Lisa Hopp, Ramiro Juarez, Joyce Juenger, LaShawn Lomax, Karen Lopez, Patricia Makishima, Jennifer Misek, Jane Mursewick, Lisa Rabe, Hilda Rivera, Lori Rosengarten, Joe Sieczkowski, Nicole Senn, Katie Stan, Farrah Stephen, Brigid Trimble, Jennifer Williamson, Mary Wojtczak

Absent: Lourdes Baker, Sandra Citron, Gina Crespo, Veronica Ryan

Guests/Observers:

December Minutes: Motion to approve edited minutes: Approved. 19 – Approve, none opposed, 3 abstained

Action Item:

K-6 Fine Arts

- Motion to approve.

Discussion:

- Kindergarten is included in the proposed curriculum; will teachers have access to passwords?
 - Yes, but teachers will not be required to teach the curriculum. The committee included Kindergarten with the hopes the district will eventually add Fine Arts classes to Kindergarten classrooms.
- 20 approved, 2 abstained, none opposed.

7-12 Required Social Studies Courses

- Motion to approve.

Discussion:

- No discussion.
- 18 approved, 3 abstained, none opposed.

Initial Presentation

8th Grade Spanish Language Arts (SLA)

- Dual Language is rolling up to 8th grade next school year.
- Committee members were a diverse group, including: bilingual teachers, administrators, special education and included consulting work with Wilma Valero.
- ELA standards were used to guide us for alignment.
- Resources: Léeme 2 anthology, individual titles and NewsELA which is already a district adopted resource.
- Professional development will focus on: curriculum frameworks, looking at standards, Literacy development in Spanish and learning environment in an ALE classroom.
- Professional development will be offered in June, July and after school sessions.

Questions:

- Do you have any plans on sharing the direct vocabulary instruction with other content area teachers?
 - The vocabulary is available 6th – 10th grade and is on the Intranet. All teachers have access to the documents.
- When does DL Ignite roll up?
 - Ignite will follow the same curriculum; teachers can decide how they want to differentiate.
- Will Social Studies teachers need to be certified in Spanish and Social Studies?
 - Yes. A bilingual endorsement and a social science endorsement.
- Is this coming to the high schools?
 - We are starting to have conversations on that. We are in the initial stages.

IC Discussion – 8th Grade Spanish Language Arts (SLA)

- The resources that were passed around was that a consumable?
 - No, that was just a reference for teachers.
- DL Ignite is working with the ELL department. Resources will not be added. April will work with the ELL department to offer PD for gifted teachers.

Informational Updates

Update on Information Services

- Laura Macias is the new Director of Information Services.
- IS would like to be more involved, with any type of project involving technology.
- IS would like to be part of the decision making, when it comes to purchasing technology for classrooms.
- IS also wants to investigate new technology, to keep enhancing our approved technology list.

Questions:

- When will approved technology list be approved?
 - The list was just updated and final review will be done next week with Jeff King.
- Will IS be communicating with us when updates are going to happen?
 - Yes.
- The new laptops are not holding a charge for a day?
 - We will look into it.
- Do you have any input on the technology plan, on how to handle the old equipment?
 - We are working on enhancing the plan; we currently don't have a well-established program.

PD Committee

- The committee has ETA and admin representatives.
- The PD committee provides guidance and promotes and supports all district staff to access PD.
- PD committee has endorsed the offerings of PDD 101 and PDD 102.
- Site and individual applications are available and are reviewed and approved by PD committee. If an application is not approved, feedback is provided.

- With the new travel policy, everything has to be entered into Munis 35 days prior to attending the conference or PD.
- There is a PD website, which has minutes, agendas and applications.

Questions:

- What is the difference between a site and individual application?
 - A site application would have to be filled out and approved by your SIP team.
- Last year only 31 out of 51 applications were approved, why?
 - Applications were not filled out correctly or sections were left blank.
- Has the committee discussed what will be done with any surplus funds?
 - No, not yet.
- What is the timetable after filling out an application?
 - All identifying information is removed and it is scored at meetings.

Contract

- ETA will start bargaining within the next few months.
- If council has any recommendations on the make-up of the council we can submit suggested changes to the ETA bargaining team.
- The consensus is to have a HS principal or associate principal.
- When adding members to the council, we need to make sure we are not making the council too big.
- Should a second ELL teacher be added?
 - This was brought up a lot at the last bargaining session.
 - All of the teacher elected positions could be filled with an ELL teacher.
 - Could an appointed ELL position be added?
 - If that is the consensus, we could recommend it to the bargaining team.
- Should we make a distinction between coaches and teachers?
 - Should we define what a teacher is?
 - Should coaches and teachers be separate?
 - Limiting the language, can potentially limit who can be appointed or elected.
- Do we want to add an additional position or shift a current position?
 - We should keep the same number of elementary teachers.
 - The size of the council is a concern; we don't want to get too big.
 - One of the elementary positions should be changed to an appointed ELL teacher.
- The council is not voting on anything today, we can think about it and come back to it at our next meeting.
- Another suggestion is to remove antiquated language from the contract.

Draft IC Dates

- Reviewed council dates for next school year.

Summary Statements

The Instructional Council approved proposals for K-6 Fine Arts and required 7-12 Social Science courses.

The Instructional Council heard a proposal for 8th grade SLA.

The Instructional Council received an update of the Professional Development Committee.

The Instructional Council reviewed contract language and began discussing possible language revisions.

The Instructional Council reviewed draft dates for the 17-18 school year.