

Home/Hospital Planning Committee

Wednesday, March 9th, 2016-7:30AM

Present: Lisa Traficante-Loncao, Candace Rubin, Lisa Silverstein, Lincoln Cromwell, Lauri Davis

1. February 10th Planning Meeting Minutes: Approved
2. Observations: There have been two separate Danielson Rubric PD's offered. Lisa T. plans to conduct the formal observations and Joe Baldino might meet with us for an informal observation. Since we are not tenured teachers, we have always questioned if we even need informal observations. Lisa T. will touch base with Jennifer Gkourlias.
3. Summer School: Candace reported that last year we didn't have enough teachers. She requested we make the board resolution for a 6-hour H/H Summer School workday, rather than a 4-hour day. Lisa will speak with Jennifer G. about the H/H Summer School budget and to set up the board resolution.
4. Extended Day: The board resolution at the March 24th Board Meeting should be approved on April 28, with our extended day programming to begin on May 2nd and run for 8 weeks (through June 23rd). There will be 4 hours a week for the extended day, totaling 96 hours. H/H extended day teachers are: Candace Rubin, Eva Zweifler, Carolyn Stout and Mary Beth Mucica.
5. Status of Subs: Lisa Cummings has reached out to area colleges for students who have completed their student teaching. We had 9 RCSD students awaiting placement yesterday morning. We suggested that maybe students who are on home instruction through the end of the year for disciplinary issues can be sent back to their home schools to make room for other students awaiting placement. We just cannot find teachers to hire. Candace will reach out to the chairperson of the substitute teachers.
6. General Education Teacher Issues: For the Fall, Lisa will ask Chris Suriano about the waiver we have in place this year. He would rather go forward next year assigning special ed students to special ed teachers. A parent can probably still request to keep a regular ed H/H teacher if the parent is happy with the arrangement. We don't understand why the consultant teacher model used in schools can't be utilized with home instruction. Lisa T. will bring it up with Jennifer G.
7. Superintendent's Conference Day: We have a Superintendent's Conference Day on April 22nd. Denise Quamina and Erica Eaton will present strategies to help students dealing with trauma. Another presenter might deal with intervention. Lisa T. said that H/H Teachers can explore different options, as well. Candace suggested H/H subject area reps might make presentations, Sally will also run a half an hour session updating H/H to all of our website resources.
8. Old Business: Lisa T. left two messages with the contact person at Strong Hospital to discuss the change to our parking validation.

Next Planning Meeting: Wednesday, April 13th, 2016