

Instructional Council Meeting Minutes

Date 9-11-25

Time 3:10 - 4:00 PM

Location Library

Facilitator name Christin Johnson

Time Keeper name Cara Heck

Recorder name Mandy Allred

Members Present

☐ Amanda Allred
☐ Sheila Barbour
☐ Lauren Condon
☐ Adrianna Deuel
☐ Teresa Fierro
☐ Cara Heck
☐ Christine Herrera
☐ Christin Johnson
☐ Russ Jones
☐ Rachael Koenigsfeld
☐ Racquel Leland
☐ Jenna Myers
☐ Linda MacMaster
☐ Margita Martinez
☐ Deborah Muldawer
☐ Jessie Olson
☐ Olivia Oyinatumba
☐ Janet Reeder
☐ Anna Rogge
☐ Geoff Smith
☐ Crystal Yamazaki
☐ Parent representative (Chavez)

Agenda Topic – Announcements

- Leadership meeting held by the district yesterday that talked about implementing a clear backpack policy across APS. APS is most likely planning to implement a clear backpack policy for all students, but APS is planning to buy these initial backpacks for students. We are unsure if/when the bags will be bought in the future. APS is asking for the IC at each school and the community to provide feedback to this policy. (However, this may not affect APS' decision making regarding this policy.) APS has provided a link for the community survey and letters home. The link opens on 9/15-9/26. This will need to go out to the community ASAP. It is unclear if this implementation will be immediately implemented or next school year.
- We are continuing to have issues with hiring EA's. The administration has been trying to hire someone. Olivia did interview someone yesterday.
- Marissa has been transferred to Polk. Olivia has hired someone to come over from Washington. However, that individual can't come over until the end of the grading period.

Agenda Topic: PLC

- Discussion regarding the implementation of PLC's at school.
- Christin checked with the union, and we were told that PLC/collaboration time will be determined by the IC.
- Russ mentioned that many teachers are managing multiple subjects, and it is difficult to meet each week. It would be nice to meet every other week and then just have an email every other week.
- Jessie and Ana brought up that we are already kind of doing this.
- Debbie brought up that ELA 6th grade teachers have nearly two hours of homework each night, so any additional prep time would be highly appreciated. *(The time for the AIM training is dependent on teacher scheduling; some folks are working on it nightly, and others are finding time in other ways.)*
- Olivia would like to see notes from each group. So, she will be invited to the PLC Google Classroom and will have the ability to see PLC minutes.
- Please determine as a team which weeks we need to meet. Just make sure that the admin knows. If the admin needs us to meet for a reason, please be flexible as a department.

Agenda Topic: 13 hours Will Be Used for District Model SEL Strategies tied to Goal 4

- The district wants to come and do a training for our staff. They want to come and do the training after the school.
- At this time the admin haven't used these hours.
- Can we add the EA's?
- October 28 from 3:10 - 4:00 pm Math/ELA teachers/Electives
- October 30 from 3:10 - 4:00 pm SS/Science/Electives

Agenda Topic: Schoolwide Fundraiser

- Could the Student Incentive team fundraise for our student accounts?

Agenda Topic: Talent Show

- People are tired of doing things for free and have a lot of things on their plate.
- Olivia will look at her budget and see if she can find any money for some people to take this on.
- Olivia is pointing out that there are a lot of issues regarding SEL.
- Maybe WEB could be part of that?
- Lots of issues brought up including large class sizes, and lack of "fun" events around the school.
- If we want to improve student SEL we need to improve teacher SEL.
- It would be nice to have pep rallies each quarter.

Agenda Topic: Staff Meetings

September 16 staff meeting - TS training - mandatory

October 21 staff meeting Synergy Hall Pass training 3:10 - 4:10 pm

Google Slide Deck for staff to include their programs - will be a link sent to staff - not reviewed at a staff meeting

November 18th- ALICE Training

MLSS Training will be shared with PLC's.

There will be a one pager sent to staff covering new SpEd issues/requirements.

Agenda Topic: Fall Festival

October 24 6-8 pm

Gym and Cafeteria area

Agenda Topic: Advisory - once/quarter - new district requirement

- There will need to be an assembly schedule once per quarter to provide time for 8th graders to do their Level All work.
- Christine is working on creating a schedule where once per quarter we don't have a Genius Hour. We will have an extra long Advisory.
- Second possibility, once per quarter, students won't go to genius hour, but will meet for Advisory twice instead. Then, kids will get a break.
 - The IC voted to approve this idea.

Agenda Topic: FCCLA Event Planning

- One FCCLA group wanted to have a Day of the Dead Dance. This money will go toward FCCLA's fees for competition. Will this be too soon/close to other dances/events?

Agenda Topic: Michelle Medved (Crossroads Counselor) in classrooms

- Can this be brought through Health?
- What about the 6th and 7th? Maybe through electives?
- Good news is that we haven't had any vape incidents at this point this year?
- 6th Grade is offering the wheel? Maybe PE or Info Tech both include everyone?
- Advisory?

Next Meeting: