

Instructional Council Meeting Minutes

Date 10-23-25

Time 3:10 - 4:00 PM

Location Library

Facilitator name Christin Johnson

Time Keeper name Cara Heck

Recorder name Rachael K

Members Present

☐ Amanda Allred

☒ Sheila Barbour

☐ Lauren Condon

☐ Adrianna Deuel

☒ Teresa Fierro

☒ Cara Heck

☒ Christine Herrera

☒ Christin Johnson

☒ Russ Jones

☒ Rachael Koenigsfeld

☒ Raquel 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

Grades are finished.

Some teachers still need to do their PDP.

No costumes at school, only at the Fall Festival.

Agenda Topic: PTC Nov. 24-25 - high needs?

Nov 24 all staff will be in the gym for a parent open house conference conversation. Nov 25 teachers will be available for more in depth conferences and teacher work day.

Agenda Topic: Genius hour - is it really supporting goal 4? Is it supporting our 90 day plan?

[90-day One Pager](#)

[APS Goals/Guardrail](#)

Genius Hour came from a Google business practice to allow their employees to use 20% of their time working on a passion project. Most schools run genius hour differently than we do. They have students explore their individual passions and create a project to present.

Genius hour is not hitting Goal 4. There is not an increase of attendance on Wednesdays because of Genius Hour. Most students are not excited about their genius hour because they were placed in classes that they didn't pick. Teachers feel overwhelmed because it is another thing to prep. Wednesdays are very long days. We need more time to support Yazzie-Martinez students instead of doing puzzles and coloring.

Admin will have a discussion with leadership because the overwhelming majority of IC members would like to stop Genius Hour.

Agenda Topic: [Portrait of a Graduate](#) activity

In groups we discussed and listed the attributes from the Profile of a Graduate.

Agenda Topic: *Synergy Hall Pass* -

We will activate student created passes, auto approve, no passes 1st and last 10 minutes of class, 2 passes per day per student, 5 min time limit.

Agenda Topic: *Upcoming Events*

October 24 Fall Festival 6-8 pm

October 27 8th grade Michael Baty Addressing Harmful Language All SS classes in Library

October 28 Culture/Climate PLC meetings in A124 with district

October 29 Pep Rally - Assembly Schedule - [October 29 Pep Rally Assembly Schedule](#)

Next meeting – Thursday, November 13, 2025 @ 3:10 pm

Reminder:

All IC agenda topics and information must be communicated to your constituents!!