

Minutes IC Meeting September 17, 2020

Meeting attendance: Kyle Bunker, Sandra Citron, Donald Donner, Caitlyn Druger, Darlene Guyett, Lisa Jackson, Craig Pflueger, Brittany Priest, Isabel Torres, Jesus Diaz Pena, Abbie Ecklund, Melissa El-Helo, Elisabet Garcia, Cynthia Hernandez, Sabrina Langlois, Dawn McKusker, Jen Menke, Jen Misek, Pedro Perez, Martha Renteria, Sylvia Rodriguez, Don Selusnik, Jennifer Williamson, Ramiro Juarez, Carol Mammoser, Gina Pelletiere

Absent: Corina Garcia, Farrah Stephen, Michele Chapman

Guests/Observers: Barb Bettis

May Minutes: Motion to approve May minutes. Approved. 14 approved, none opposed, 11 abstained

Action Item:

- None

Initial Presentations

Freshman Seminar

- Council viewed PowerPoint presentation.

Questions:

- How will this work with AVID? How might this impact the AVID program.
 - Avid teachers were on our committee. The difference is the seminar course is intended for students interested in the academies and AVID is more for students interested in attending college.
- Do students choose their own academy?
 - Picture an inverted triangle, in the beginning it is big picture learning about all the academies we would then funnel down what pathway within that academy is the student is interested in. As we move through the course it becomes more applicable to the student and at the end of the course the student has their own plan.
- Would this be offered in Spanish?
 - I would like to see it as an option for Dual Language. We have enough time to plan for that.
- If a student is not able to take this class first semester, can the student take it second semester?
 - This is a first semester course online.
- Four units are the same focus as AVID for the students that select that option or what component is also in AVID?
 - I will have a conversation with Michelle Chapman about aligning the AVID curriculum.
- This course is for all freshman students?
 - Yes, it is available to all freshman students, but it is not a required course.
- What is the end objective or goal to know what academy/pathway or know what classes to take for the following school year?
 - Primary yes, we would want them to identify the pathway they would like to be in.
- Are there any specific staffing requirements or any suggested staff pairings for semester 2?

- This is considered an exploratory course. There is no specific certification needed. There are some semester long courses you could pair it with. It is up to the buildings to decide how to fill the position.

Discussion:

- None

ES DL Resource Replacement

- Council viewed PowerPoint presentation.

Questions:

- The resource looks great and love that it supports the writers workshop.
- This is a resource that I can really stand behind. Dual language has provided a great resource that we can use.

Discussion:

- None

Informational Updates

Changing Children's Worlds Foundation

- Council listened to presentation on the curriculum used for Changing Children's Worlds Foundation.

Questions:

- Is this available in Spanish?
 - Yes.
- Has Karla Jimenez reviewed this program and its materials? If so, what is the endorsement status?
 - Yes. She is aware of the program and has endorsed it.
- How might we use her and it in a systemic way?
 - We have been trying to figure that out. Ideas are welcomed.
- Can there be an intentional push to parent groups in district?
 - Yes. That would be helpful. We also invite other schools.
- Is this program connected with the Family Welcome Center?
 - We have not explored that connection, that is a very good idea.
- Which sites offer this? Is this geared only for parents of young children?
 - It can be for any age, but it is geared more for elementary age children.
- Is this for the parents?
 - Yes, it is more for the parents.
- What has data shown in terms of program impact on family involvement and development over time?
 - We do a pre-evaluation and a post-evaluation at the end of the program. There is data and it does show a significant growth in our parents.
- What is the cost for one set of sessions?
 - It depends on what you want from the program. It is between \$5000 and \$6000.
- Is this program being used EC-wide or strictly Illinois Park?
 - It was at Century Oaks last year and Harriet Gifford is looking at the program for this year.

Other

How to be a good committee member, Roberts Rules, Curriculum Cycle

- Council reviewed responsibilities of being an Instructional Council member.
- How are questions asked?
 - We use a spreadsheet where you enter your name and questions.

Technology Resources

- Council received an update on technology resources.

Questions:

- Who came up with the list, if teachers were not surveyed?
 - The list came from building requests.
- What is the difference between Kahoot and the paid version?
 - At this time, it is still free for educators and students.
- Can we survey and aggregate the data according to grade level and subject area?
 - That was the original intention, however we really felt like at this time a survey would not be well received and we may not get the information we need. So, we have asked for feedback from building technology coaches and Instructional Council.
- Can we look at tailoring the purchase to elementary and secondary level?
 - We are looking to purchase programs that would help every teacher make their instruction more interactive
- More information is needed on Edtech tools that teachers are using and how it is impacting learning before deciding on which program to purchase.
- Will the purchased licenses be for everyone or only teachers, such as Special Ed, Paras?
 - It depends on the resource, but usually it is purchased for classroom teachers only.
- Is student privacy considered when making these purchases?
 - Yes.
- What might be the plan for training staff?
 - We can always offer voluntary sessions.
- Can AP's collect a list of programs that their teachers use and find useful and we work from there?
 - Yes. We can reach out.
- Are external tools for teachers also being considered, such as drawing pad?
 - To my knowledge it is not being considered.
- We need to survey the teachers and ask admin to poll teachers.
- Can we have a global understanding of what Canvas offers and then see what are the resources that will complement the Canvas features.
 - Yes.

Summary Statements

IC reviewed responsibilities of being a member of Instructional Council. Members were asked to review the curriculum cycle, Robert's Rules and the IC manual prior to the meeting.

IC heard a presentation on Freshman Seminar course to be offered to all freshman first semester to explore educational pathways.

IC heard a presentation about a Community School Partnership with Illinois Park and Changing Children's World's Foundation to facilitate parent and children's groups to help children to be supported in positive development by caregivers.

IC discussed additional technology resources to support distance learning. Discussion of further survey.