

Minutes IC Meeting April 20, 2022

Meeting attendance: Michele Chapman, Luis Fernando De Leon, Abbie Eklund, Alicia Fabianczyk, Elisabet Garcia, Melissa Genz, Heather Heinz, Cynthia Hernandez, Noemi Hernandez, Erin Jackle, Ramiro Juarez, Elizabeth Ma, Dawn McCusker, Jen Menke, Jen Misek, Milena Nedeljkovic, Gina Pelletiere, Pedro Perez, Craig Pflueger, Martha Renteria, Don Selusnik, Brigid Trimble, Jennifer Williamson, Kyle Wright

Absent: Jesus Diaz Pena, Carol Mammoser, Sylvia Rodriguez, Farrah Stephen

Guests/Observers:

March Minutes: Motion to approve amended March minutes. Approved. 15 approve, none opposed, 3 abstained

Action Item:

Japanese/Chinese Curriculum Expansion

- Approved

Discussion:

- I really enjoyed their presentation.

18 – approved, none opposed, 3 abstained

SHS Academy Integrated Math

- Approved

Discussion:

- None

18 – approved, none opposed, 3 abstained

Initial Presentations

BHS Academy Integrated Math

- Council viewed PowerPoint Presentation

Questions:

- Can a student take 3 dual credit classes?
 - Yes.
- If the students choose not to take the course will there be supports in place to help the students.
 - Yes.
- What textbook will be used?
 - Current board adopted materials will be used.
- Is there a physical book?
 - No. It is all online.

- The lottery system? What is different from before?
 - There were previously testing requirements. Now you must have a minimum of a 2.0 GPA and two recommendation letters.
- Is the intention of the lottery to get more students into the academies?
 - Yes. All academies have the capacity to accept all students with the exception of BHS STEM.
- Does Discovery Ed provide assessments?
 - Yes.
- Have you incorporated the Discovery Ed assessments to be used as well?
 - We design our own assessments, but if teachers want to use them they can design their own.

SSS Post Secondary Strategies

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Questions:

- Can you remind me what the 9th and 10th grade focus is?
 - There is a lot more hands on support than in 11th and 12th grade. When students enter high school they are often lost in the larger environment. By the end of 10th grade students understand conflict.
- How does this course meet graduation requirements? Is it an elective?
 - This is an elective course.
- Are there mirrored opportunities available for special education students with limited English proficiencies?
 - Yes. We do have courses for any English learner with Spanish support.

SSS CC ELL Resource Reading

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Questions:

- This is a great committee and thank you for your leadership.
- Lunita has workbooks is there a replacement cost?
 - The workbooks come as a set of 30. They will probably last us about 5 years.
- Is this resource also being purchased for self-contained CC classrooms?
 - No.

African American Studies

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Questions:

- Is this a semester class?
 - This is a year long class.
- What is the expected length of time for each unit?
 - About 6-8 weeks with some leeway.
- Is there an expected order of units?
 - Yes. They go in the order they were labeled. 1 through 5.
- How was it decided which school would get the class?

- The class will be at 3 high schools. We only had enough students enroll for the class in 3 high schools.
- Will the teacher be teaching one section at each school?
 - No. It will be a section added to their coursework.
- Is the PD only for 3 teachers?
 - The PD is for the teachers teaching the course and other potential teachers that might teach the class in the future.

Informational Updates

U-46 Rising

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Questions:

- Is there a way the LSI coaches can study our curriculum, so that when we are being trained on strategies there is more cohesiveness?
 - That's a great suggestion. We have started having conversations around this and also having some of our people in those sessions to help with support.
- The July 25th elementary training is compensated instead of August 11th?
 - The training on the week of July 25th is optional and you will be compensated if you attend. If you attend the week of July 25th you do not attend the training during the week of August 11th.
- The rigor walk data has one point about students working in teams? Does that mean we have to be using the teaming materials or can it be any group activity?
 - Any group activity. You don't necessarily have to be using the teaming materials.

CEIS (Coordinated Early Intervening Services Update)

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Questions:

- Who is on the district leadership team?
 - The deputy superintendent, all assistant superintendent's, and all directors. They meet once a quarter.
- From a teacher's perspective, the goal has translated to your African American students are off limits.
 - That is not the intention at all. We have to look at how we are interacting with our students.
- Students have a lot of support in preschool. Once students go into Kindergarten with no support we have to start from zero. The transition from PK to K has to be addressed.
- Family engagement liaison?
 - We are starting with one and the goal is to expand to 1 per network.
- What is the role of the family engagement liaison?
 - The role is intended to be the liaison between the community and the school.
- What does this have to do with the student success committee?
 - This work is in addition to that committee work.
- The code of conduct exists, but do we understand how to help students? A problem is how we can all interpret it differently.

- It takes people to implement a strategy. It does not take a program. Sometimes adding a person is the right thing to do.

Science Update

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Questions:

- Is the district going to be providing classrooms with the materials needed to perform the tests?
 - Our office does an annual order every year. Anyone can contact our office if there are supplies you need.
- We don't specialize in Science. We must reconsider how we are developing assessments at the K-2 level. An assessment should not be revised until it is implemented and given feedback on.
- Building buy in with teachers/building who don't believe this is the way to teach and just building relationships in general, so this partnership can be seen as a reward rather than a punishment.
- Elementary could really use a step backwards a more basic PD plan
- Buildings have no storage. One of my suggestions is that we get just one set for our school.
- Is the elementary common assessment done?
 - No. Next year we will be using the new common assessments.

Summary Statements

Instructional Council heard proposals for BHS Academy Integrated Math, SSS Post-Secondary Strategies, SSS CC ELL Resource Reading, and African American Studies

Instructional Council received informational updates on U-46 Rising, CEIS (Coordinated Early Intervening Services Update), and Science

Instructional Council approved the proposals for Japanese/Chinese Curriculum Expansion and SHS Academy Integrated Math.