

Minutes IC Meeting September 15, 2022

Meeting attendance: Michele Chapman, Jesus Diaz Peña, Alicia Fabianczyk, Elisabet Garcia, Glenda Rosado, Stephanie Rosado, Heather Heinz, Noemi Hernandez, Anne Hitch, Erin Jackle, Ramiro Juarez, Audrey Leaver, Elizabeth Ma, Carol Mammoser, Dawn McCusker, Jen Misek, Gina Pelletiere, Mario Pestaña, Craig Pflueger, Don Selusnik, Brigid Trimble, Anthony Venetico, Kyle Wright

Absent: Luis Fernando de Leon, Melissa El-Helo, Jennifer Williamson

Guests/Observers:

May Minutes: Motion to approve amended May minutes. Approved. 16 approve, none opposed, 2 abstained

Action Item:

None

Initial Presentations

None

Informational Updates

Post-Secondary Update

- Council viewed PowerPoint presentation

Questions:

- Is the survey a requirement for graduation?
 - No. We encourage students to complete it.
- Can students find their own internship opportunities?
 - Yes. The student will have to work with their counselor.

Elementary Teaching and Learning

- Council viewed PowerPoint Presentation.

Questions:

- Dual language teachers should not be giving 42 assessments during the first 20 days of school. The first 20 days set the tone in our classrooms for the rest of the school year.
 - There were discussions on having two different windows for English and Spanish, but thought that it might be too confusing. The goal is not to create more work, but to be more purposeful when collecting evidence.
- Was the change in the ES report card a substantial enough for it to be reviewed by IC?
 - The report card is not curriculum.
- Why aren't we using LID anymore?
 - It does not tie in to our standards.
- What supports are being offered to teachers to get the reading level assessments done?

- This year the window is flexible. We are collecting data on how long it will take teachers to do this without supports.
- Should there be a consideration for a grade threshold in 8th grade algebra that would have a student repeat algebra in HS?
 - Yes.

Curriculum Cycle

- Council viewed PowerPoint presentation

Questions:

- Council discussed what a substantial change to curriculum would be to be brought back to Instructional Council for re-approval.
- Council discussed the approval of supplementary materials and communication on how supplementary materials are approved.
- Council discussed surveying teachers and asking why they are not volunteering or responding to calls to committee.
- Could we clarify what curriculum templates we are using?
 - Yes. We will be updating them.
- Does the result of our vote determine if it moves on to the BOE or does it go to the BOE with our feedback regardless?
 - Instructional Council is an advisory board, we do not have a final say.
- Council discussed the possibility of having the Coordinator of Physical Education and Student Wellness hiring a consultant to help write the health curriculum.
- Instead of hiring an outside consultant, hire someone from within the district?
 - Giving a teacher a leave of absence to do this would not be feasible. Consultants usually work with us for about a month.
- How will we take and include teacher feedback? To what extent will the consultant make changes based on teacher feedback?
 - We could create a transparent way on how we take feedback and make changes.

Roberts Rules

- Council viewed and discussed video regarding Roberts Rules.

IC Member Role/IC Manual

- Council worked in groups and discussed sections of the IC manual
- Council discussed creating a sib-committee to determine what a substantial change to curriculum would be.
- Council discussed defining the role of the ETA IC co-chair.

Summary Statements

Instructional Council received informational updates on Post-Secondary Education and Elementary Teaching and Learning

Instructional Council reviewed Robert's Rules, Curriculum Cycle and Instructional Council member role.