

Minutes IC Meeting October 13, 2022

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

Absent: Elizabeth Ma, Craig Pflueger, Melissa El-Helo, Jennifer Williamson

Guests/Observers:

September Minutes: Motion to approve September minutes. Approved. 19 approve, none opposed, none abstained

Action Item:

- None

Initial Presentations:

IB at EHS

- Council viewed PowerPoint presentation

Questions:

- Any AP student can take the course?
 - Any student can take the course, they have to commit to take the 2-year sequence of the course
- Is this the new gifted/honors program?
 - For our Junior and Seniors, it would take over the courses for the gifted academy.
- Do universities accept IB coursework for potential credit as they do for AP classes?
 - Yes. Students who complete the program often join college at a Sophomore level.
- How many IB schools are in the state?
 - Elgin High School would be the 3rd school in the suburbs to have IB status.
- As a district we have to do a much better job at letting parents and students know about these programs before they get to high school.

MS PE Curriculum Revision

- Council viewed PowerPoint presentation

Questions:

- Behavior and dressing are not graded?
 - No. Students can still participate with what they are dressed in.
- Do we have access to all the curriculum documents?
 - Yes.
- You created a new template and adjusted a few other things?
 - We transferred our information into the appropriate template.
- Can we see all of the other documents?
 - Yes.

- What year did you last have new curriculum?
 - 2017
- Would you consider the refinements as a substantial change to the curriculum?
 - All we did was provided more supports for teachers to help them implement the curriculum. We realized some teachers were not implementing the curriculum, because it was too much stuff for them to create.
- What I am understanding is that there has been no change. They supported their teachers on how to implement the curriculum.
- You stated you tweaked the curriculum yearly. New assessments, new resources, new curriculum templates mean new curriculum.
- It sounds like teachers should have more PD if they are struggling.
 - The people that are struggling the most are not showing up.
- What structures are being added to support the teachers that aren't doing it now? These new resources are optional.
 - The building administrator has to hold them accountable. I offer a lot of PD and we have talked about offering PLC's and Professional Credits.
- Who is the health teacher in 6th grade?
 - At the Rigor and Equity schools there is a health teacher.

Discussion:

- Discussed stage 6 of the curriculum cycle.
- If someone revises one assessment that is fine. Not changing it all at once.
- Council discussed creating a task force committee to determine what is the definition of substantial change is.
- The task force committee will meet and define substantial change and bring definition back to full council in November.
- Council member motioned to create a task force committee.
 - 18 approved, none abstained, none opposed.

Informational Updates

U-46 Rising

- Council viewed PowerPoint presentation

Questions:

- Is the substitute shortage affecting PD?
 - Yes. I am welcome to suggestions.
- Do the walkers have the standards with them for the courses?
 - Yes. This is part of the training for rigor walks.
- You come in for 10 minutes is there a way to mark if it is the beginning or end of class?
 - No. We don't identify the classroom or time of day.
- What is needed is PD for the curriculum we have. We need to invest time in PD so we can truly see the picture of growth.

Specialized Student Services

- Council viewed Grading Guidance for SSS Program document.

Questions/Comments:

- Resource teachers have a lot more minutes than what she has time for. Resource teachers don't teach curriculum but are working on skills to narrow the gap.

Curriculum Cycle

- Council discussed Curriculum Cycle, stages 4, 5 and 6.

Questions/Comments:

- What are you basing your example on? Data input, observation?
 - A survey was done, it is self-reported. Integrated Curriculum was put into the SIP plans and many had goals stating they want to get 75% of their teachers to use integrated curriculum.
- If teachers are not doing what is right for students it should be addressed by the administrator.

Summary Statements

Instructional Council received informational updates on U-46 Rising and Specialized Student Services.

Instructional Council reviewed presentations on The International Baccalaureate Program at Elgin High School and Middle School PE Curriculum Revisions.

Instructional Council created a taskforce to identify the definition of substantial change.