

## Minutes IC Meeting November 17, 2022

**Meeting attendance:** Michele Chapman, Jesus Diaz Peña, Melissa El-Helo, Alicia Fabianczyk, Elisabet Garcia, Heather Heinz, Noemi Hernandez, Anne Hitch, Erin Jackle, Audrey Leaver, Elizabeth Ma, Carol Mammoser, Dawn McCusker, Jen Misek, Gina Pelletiere, Mario Pestaña, Craig Pflueger, Stephanie Rosales, Brigid Trimble, Anthony Venetico Jennifer Williamson, Kyle Wright

**Absent:** Luis Fernando De Leon, Ramiro Juarez, Glenda Rosado, Don Selusnik

**Guests/Observers:**

**October Minutes:** Motion to approve October minutes. Approved. 16 approve, none opposed, 1 abstained

**Action Item:**

### **MS PE Curriculum Revisions**

- Motion to postpone action on the PE curriculum revisions until next month.
  - 16 approved, none opposed, none abstained

### **The International Baccalaureate Program at Elgin High School**

- Motion to approve IB proposal

*Discussion:*

- None

15 approved, none opposed, 2 abstained

**Initial Presentations:**

### **MindUp**

- Council viewed PowerPoint presentation

Questions:

- What data did you use to determine we need to purchase a program to help with SEL?
  - Attendance. Historically our attendance goal across all grade levels is around 95%. We are now hovering around 92%.
- What group of people were part of the decision to go with this program?
  - The Student Success Committee.
- The pilot is going to be different everywhere. How is the data going to work for us?
  - The pilot will start next fall. We would like to pilot at every middle school. It depends on who is willing to pilot.
- Have we asked teachers and social workers what they are already doing?
  - Yes, we can ask all our sites. This program is for the entire school not just for individual students.
- How will this help the adults?

- This will help with understanding how the brain works and will give teachers strategies on how to help students and themselves.
- Council members will enter additional questions in the Exit Slip and spreadsheet for presenters to answer.

### **Secondary ELA Resource - GALE**

- Council viewed PowerPoint presentation

*Questions:*

- No questions

### **Secondary ELA Resource – CommonLit**

- Council viewed PowerPoint presentation

*Questions:*

- No questions

### **Informational Updates**

#### **Streamwood High School LEAD Update**

- Council viewed PowerPoint presentation

*Questions:*

- Are there opportunities for students to explore on audiences from Spanish speaking countries?
  - That's a great idea. We will look into it.
- Are the business courses Social Studies or CTE?
  - One of the courses will receive Social Studies credit, all the other courses will receive CTE credit.
- Suggestion: Keep track of all the projects, so you have a student produced data for how the program is working.

#### **6<sup>th</sup> Grade MS Transition Update**

- Council viewed PowerPoint presentation.

*Questions:*

- Will 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> grade teachers be able to review the curriculum prior to a vote?
  - Yes.
- Has it been discussed to make librarians full time in middle school?
  - Yes. It has been discussed.
- Will 6<sup>th</sup> grade ELA still be following the workshop model?
  - Yes. That is the current plan.
- Does IIP move up to MS?
  - This program is only at the elementary level. We do have offerings at the middle school level that match the continuum.
- Spanish Heritage and Speech/Debate had questions marks?
  - These courses might be electives.

- What about the current 6<sup>th</sup> grade teachers that don't go through the certification?
  - They will be able to choose to move to a different position. They will follow the ETA process.
- Do we have the number to turn each middle school into a MMED middle school?
  - We are having those conversations at the MS steering committee.
- Will there be a grace period to obtain the MS endorsement?
  - My assumption would be yes, but the middle school team would know the answer.
- How does the rotation in 6<sup>th</sup> grade impact FTE's for electives?
  - This is what the middle school transition team is working on.
- True middle school model?
  - The middle school transition team is working on this, there have been no decisions made yet.
- Will the Spanish/English allocation be looked at in ES?
  - Yes.
- Will resources be available in Spanish?
  - Yes.
- Some of the classes will be new courses?
  - Yes.
- Will the courses come to IC separately?
  - No.

### **Secondary ELA Update**

- Council viewed PowerPoint presentation.

#### *Questions:*

- Did you consider the testing window into the number?
  - Yes. We adjusted for that.
- Are any of these changes being piloted in any classrooms?
  - We are collaborating with the MMED. We are not changing the curriculum we are tweaking it.
- How will you get feedback? Who will evaluate the feedback?
  - An invitation will be sent out to ALL teachers. Results are shared through our ELA meeting.
- When did you send out the survey?
  - January and the results were posted in February.
- We are focused on assessments and have forgotten about instruction. The number of assessments we have to give is exhausting.
  - Assessments should be a guide, teaching is what is important. There isn't a good answer. There isn't a way to move away from assessments especially in a district our size.

### **Taskforce Update**

- Council received an update on what the taskforce has discussed regarding substantial change language.

- The council's chair will draft a document for all the IC members to review and give feedback.

### **Summary Statements**

Instructional Council received informational updates on Streamwood High School LEAD update, 6<sup>th</sup> grade Middle School transition and a Secondary ELA Update.

Instructional Council viewed presentations on MindUp and Secondary ELA Resources.

Instructional Council discussed drafting document on substantial change.