



Voices for International Business and Education

Minutes

Academic Committee Meeting

Date and Time

Monday March 13, 2017 at 7:00 PM

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Committee Members Present

A. Berger, C. Allen, J. Carter, L. Crowe, L. Lopez, S. Retzlaff, S. Thomas, S. Wilson

Committee Members Absent

None

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

J. Carter called a meeting of the Academic Committee of Voices for International Business and Education to order on Monday Mar 13, 2017 at 7:03 PM.

C. Approve Minutes of January 17, 2017

S. Retzlaff made a motion to approve minutes from the Academic Committee Meeting on 01-17-17 Academic Committee Meeting on 01-17-17.

S. Thomas seconded the motion.

The committee **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

- In alignment with the previous meetings, Fr. Carter is recommending that next meeting we talk more about how the curriculum is in alignment with the latest state updates in policies and standards.

II. Academic & Culture

A. Overview of after school Remediation & Tutoring

- EOC & ACT remediation tutoring by either in-house teachers or teachers that have been hired for these purposes only.
- EOC - remediation for 6 courses for four hours. Students receive a text, paper, bus fair home, snack and drink to endure the rest of the day.
- ACT remediation happens on Saturdays. There are three teachers teaching this remediation courses. These students also receive snacks, drinks and bus fair.
- The remediation plan came about from the data analysis of different assessments, teachers' input, etc.
- We are facing some challenges and the numbers have been a little lower than we projected. Remediation has been now opened for all students that are interested in taking advantage of this opportunity.
- Opening up the opportunity for all students have increased the number of attendees.
- We have approached the students that need this support the most, yet some have not chosen to come and we can't force them.
- In order to recruit students that are more in alignment of the IHSNO mission, we present the rigor of the program to educate the community about our offer so students who are assigned to our school already know what to expect from IHSNO.
- Another way to capture students who are really interested in our academic offerings is through the IB specialized application and Language Immersion programs during application time.
- The oneapp process continues to represent a challenge in our student body make up as students transferring mid-year are usually not a good fit for our school environment since they are usually removed from their previous school due to behavioral issues.
- The question of how do we become more strategic with the composition of our student body so we can reach the level we want to reach in academic excellence and expand campuses.
- Another way is to expose all students to IB classes.
- It is important to remember that we are an open-enrollment school and we are to stay that way.

B. Academic Dashboard Draft

The dashboard was presented to see if that is the information that the board would like to see every time that administration submits the report.

- Fr. Carter is interested in finding out more about retention, curriculum, attendance.
- SPS
- C. Allen asked if the new accountability measures will impact IHSNO.
- S. Wilson explained that it will impact us as the accountability committee determines what happens and each school is evaluated, they have talked about a curve to lessen the hit on SPS for each school. The idea is to keep a curve in place so the change doesn't abruptly hit schools' SPS.
- The green columns on pg. 2 of the packet are the goals that IHSNO is projecting to reach.
- S. Retzlaff wants to use the dashboard for the board to monitor that the school is in alignment with the strategic plan.
- A question was brought up regarding the nurse annual goal, and the counseling section addressing those students who are not opting to continue to college. S. Retzlaff would like to see what are counselors guiding those students toward after high school.
- Some real numbers of culture were also shared, parent conferences, mediations between students, teachers, etc.
- The most active days in the discipline area are Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- The dashboard is intended to be presented at the committee level and then a condensed version will be presented at the board level.
- The committee's goal was that administration created a dashboard to capture the information that the board is interested in looking at.

III. Other Items

A. Next meeting

- Should we continue to meet after the finance committee? - Yes
- Next meeting is on April 24.

IV. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. Carter

S. Thomas made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

S. Retzlaff seconded the motion.

The committee **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.