Voices for International Business and Education

Minutes

VIBE Academic Committee Meeting

Academic Committee

Date and Time
Tuesday January 12, 2021 at 6:00 PM

Location
Virtual Meeting

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Topic: VIBE Academic Committee Meeting

Time: January 12, 2021 @ 06:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

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MISSION: To educate and nurture a diverse learning community through the International Baccalaureate Programme, world languages and intercultural appreciation to succeed in a global economy.

ACADEMIC COMMITTEE GOALS:

- **GOAL 1**: **Monitor and increase the progress of SPS.**
- **GOAL 2: Streamline the academic dashboard.**
- **GOAL 3: Monitor ACT Progress.**
- **GOAL 4: Monitor and increase the effectiveness of the distance learning program at IHSNO.**

Committee Members Present

A. Berger (remote), G. Lazard (remote), G. Medford (remote), J. Carreno (remote), K. Vo (remote), L. Scott Porter (remote), P. Recasner (remote), S. Thomas (remote), S. Wilson (remote), T. Huynh (remote)

Committee Members Absent

None

I. Opening Items

   A. Record Attendance

   B. Call the Meeting to Order

     G. Lazard called a meeting of the Academic Committee of Voices for International Business and Education to order on Tuesday Jan 12, 2021 at 6:02 PM.

   C. Approve Minutes from November 10, 2020 Meeting

     G. Medford made a motion to approve the minutes from VIBE Academic Committee Meeting on 11-10-20.
G. Lazard seconded the motion.
The committee **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

II. HEAD OF SCHOOL REPORT

A. UPDATES

- The COVID-19 expenditures details were addressed.
- There was a discussion about the trainings that teachers received to help them with teaching virtually.
- Better Lesson was incorporated into teacher's virtual classrooms.

III. SCHOOL CULTURE

A. UPDATES

- There was a discussion about School Culture.
- Ms. Pamela Racasner is the new Dean of Culture.
- Details about how the culture department works with different departments throughout school were spoken about.
- Social Contracts implementation was discussed.
- Parent Engagement details were given.
- TET celebration and all culture events are set to be virtual due to COVID19.
- Risk-taking is the January IB Learner Profile.

IV. SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT/ACADEMICS

A. UPDATES

- Parents have been encouraged to encourage their children to participate more.
- ELA was discussed.
- The 9th and 10th grade IB curriculum was discussed.
- The student government election was very successful.
- Some ELL students are moving into the IB program. They have been doing very well.
- The Leap Testing details were given.
- Language lessons were explained.
- Prepping for the IB program was discussed.
- IB recruitment is happening now for next year.
- Academic Dashboard was discussed.

V. INFORMATION/TECHNOLOGY

A. UPDATES

- The 3-year technology plan details were given.

- There were trainings that teachers participated in that helped to prepare them for teaching in a virtual environment.
- The student information system is a database where important information is stored. Projects within the department were mentioned.
- The software Powerschool has been used by teachers, and an overview was discussed.
- Hotspots were distributed to students without did not have internet access at home. This enabled students who participated in virtual/distance to be successful.
- The IT department supports all teachers, staff, and students when there are technology needs.
- There are times where IT works directly with the teacher when a problem or an issue arises as it pertains to technology needs.
- The IT department has been working on plans for a computer lab for student utilization.
- IHSNO would like to update computers to Chromebooks that will help testing and classes run more efficiently and smoothly.
- Working with Tammy Huynh on locating grants to fund projects for the IT Department.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

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- There is no public comment.
- The next board committee meeting is 2/9/2021.
- The items are going to stay the same for next month. Committee is just looking for updates on the same items.

VII. 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 6:33 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
G. Medford

Documents used during the meeting

- COVID-19 Expenditures as of-2020-1231.pdf
- Academic CMTE Dashboard-2020-1231.pdf
- Academic CMTE Presentation-2020-1231.pdf

• IHSNO 3year Tech Plan-2021-0108.docx