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Voices for International Business and Education

Minutes

VIBE Academic Committee Meeting

Academic Committee

Date and Time

Tuesday March 9, 2021 at 6:00 PM

Location

Virtual Meeting

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Topic: VIBE Academic Committee Meeting

Time: Tuesday, March 9, 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

G. Lazard (remote), G. Medford (remote), L. Scott Porter (remote), S. Thomas (remote)

Committee Members Absent

None

Guests Present

A. Berger (remote), J. Carreno (remote), K. Vo (remote), P. Recasner (remote), T. Huynh (remote)

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 Mar 9, 2021 at 6:01 PM.

C. Approve Minutes: February 9, 2021 Meeting/February 27, 2021 Meeting

G. Medford made a motion to approve the minutes from VIBE Academic Committee Meeting on 02-09-21.

L. Scott Porter seconded the motion.

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

D. APPROVE MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 27, 2021 ACADEMIC COMMITTEE MEETING

G. Medford made a motion to approve the minutes from VIBE Academic Committee Meeting on 02-27-21.

L. Scott Porter seconded the motion.

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

II. ACADEMICS/SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

A. UPDATES

- G. Lazard said that the committee recognizes that the staff at IHSNO are working hard at the school's overall success.
- The report is given once a month to the Academic Committee.
- IB Program and world languages are getting ready to begin internal assessments. This will be for the IB Program. External Exams will be given to our students.
- IHSNO does not have a choice to have teacher-graded assessments any longer.
- All students will be sitting for external exams.
- Curriculum and Instruction are running smoothly for our teachers and students.
- Final Exams will begin in May.
- Feedback from teachers has been given recently.
- Special Education Dept. is down one staff member; however, the coordinator for that dept is doing really well at filling in.
- RTI Coordinator - Specifics about this were talked about.
- Leap 360 will start on March 15. In-person students will take it; however, there were not many students who took it on 2/27/2021. Most likely, it will be the same students taking Leap 360 the next time they take it.
- Academic Dashboard has been updated.
- ACT - today was the statewide ACT for 11th graders. 9th, 10th, and 12th graders took theirs virtual.
- March 23rd - students who are non-standard test-takers will be taking theirs separately.
- Standard test-takers would be finished more quickly than the non-standard test takers and then the transportation would be disrupted.
- Students who came to the building were offered breakfast and everything went according to plan during test-taking.
- Students followed social distancing rules very well when they came into the building to take their ACT tests.
- Mock ACT Test - Testing took place virtually.
- 9th - 12th graders all took part in the Mock ACTs. 80.7% of students participated in the Mock ACTs.
- The Data for the Mock ACTs can be located on the dashboard.

- The sample of the Mock ACT was not available online.
- Bootcamp - 4 students were interested. The cost of training teachers was pricy. It would cost about \$19,000 for the training. With only 4 students interested, it might not be feasible to participate in the Bootcamp.
- There was money that was set aside for the ACT preparation program.
- Starting ACT prep in an early grade should really help the students to score higher on their ACT scores.

B. DEEP DIVE INTO ACT AND STUDENT QUARTERLY REPORT CARDS

- IHSNO is in their 3rd quarter of report cards.
- Students are taking their assessments for their mid-term exams.
- Report cards will be distributed next week.
- Teacher grades are due.
- Distributing grades to families has gotten better than it was before.
- Attendance is a huge problem right now. They are not logging on to their classes online regularly.
- Students are not giving their time in class online like they would in in-person learning.

III. SCHOOL CULTURE

A. UPDATES

- The Culture Department gave updates about what they are doing to the Academics Committee Members.
- Attendance has been an issue and the culture department has been more hands-on with those students who have attendance issues.
- Parent Involvement details were discussed.

IV. INFORMATION/TECHNOLOGY

A. UPDATES

- The IT department gave updates about their department.
- Hotspots were talked about. They are trying to get the hotspots updated.
- The new website details were addressed.
- Students and teachers need updated laptops. The current laptops are about 4 and 5 years old.
- Tammy is working with a grant writer to locate and apply for grants that will allow laptop upgrades to Chromebooks.

- IT gave an update on what the IT technology plan approximately costs.
- The computer lab was discussed.

V. HEAD OF SCHOOL REPORT

A. UPDATES

- The Head of School Report was discussed briefly. This report is turned in on a monthly basis to the Academics Committee.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

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- The next meeting will be April 13th, 2021.
- Academics Committee Members would like a deeper dive into CKH as it pertains to the students at IHSNO.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

- There is no public comment.

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 7:14 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
G. Lazard

Documents used during the meeting

- minutes 02-27-21.pdf
- VIBE AC Committee Meeting-2021-0309.pdf
- Academic CMTE Dashboard-2021-0228.pdf
- ACT Prep Plan 2020.pdf
- IT 3-year Tech Plan-FINAL-2021-0228.pdf
- COVID-19 Expenditures as of-2021-0228.pdf