



Aurum Preparatory Academy

Minutes

Monthly Academic Committee Meeting

Date and Time

Wednesday April 8, 2020 at 6:00 PM

Location

Aurum Prep Academy

Committee Members Present

A. Benedetto (remote), D. Hardin (remote), M. Knutson (remote)

Committee Members Absent

None

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

A. Benedetto called a meeting of the Academic Committee of Aurum Preparatory Academy to order on Wednesday Apr 8, 2020 at 6:09 PM.

II. Academic

A. Grading in the time of Covid 19

Questions from teachers are starting to emerge. Current best thinking: the last 2 weeks are a bit of flex. No work will not count against you, work completed will count for you.

This week, we will have packets for kids to pick up if they do not have internet access. If not, you need to be on zoom.

Have not had staff-wide conversations about a grading philosophy. Wanted to wait until this meeting.

70% attendance at zoom right now.

Thinking about moving to pass/fail. How motivated are students by grades right now? Would that move counteract this? Pass/fail is about equity. How might a pass/fail affect the year-long average of a grade - maybe a pass could bump up the grade by one?

What about having a staff task force to think about this? They could read over some articles that present different perspectives and make a recommendation. ACTION: Maggie & Abby will send over some articles

B. SPED support and interventions in the time of Covid 19

El Dorado SELPA - assessments may just end up happening next year.

Supports right now:

- teachers are recording zoom classes so students can watch them again and at their own speed
- teachers are reaching out to EL and IEP students - calling them to come to office hours
- David will reach out to counseling services to pick back up and do virtual sessions

Can teachers think of some general modifications (recording a written assignment on flipgrid instead)?

Maggie & Abby will look for SPED resources and send to David.

Can we do push-in via zoom with breakout rooms? That is sort of what we were thinking with office hours. Teachers can do SPED office hours. That way they can modify/differentiate how they re-teach or introduce a high-leverage concept from that week.

C. SBAC & Bubble Student Intervention Plans in a time of Covid 19

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D. Summer School Vision in the time of Covid 19

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E. Schedule Draft for Next year

David has 2 scenarios around schedule and staffing for next year. He is going to send us pros/cons for the different scenarios and we will respond with our thoughts.

III. 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 7:06 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
A. Benedetto