

Instructional Practice Meeting (Draft)

August 13, 2019 7:00am-9:00am

Present: Rick Barnes, Holly Babcock, Yolanda Flamino, Crystal Paul, Claire Pare, Theresa Risdal, Tiffany Testa, Tom Solon, Bob Thompson, Gina Bergskaug, Cooper Adair, Krista Whalen

The meeting started at 7:03 and followed an agenda sent out the week prior by Rick Barnes. First item was reviewing minutes from the previous meeting with no corrections.

The Coop Policy Committee reported out about discussions regarding Class Rank and Alternative Credit policies. The conclusion is there is more data to collect and research to do before bringing changes to school board.

Tom Solon posed the question, "Is it a bad thing for a child to be in a regular class other than being bored if they receive an adequate education?" School Counselors pointed out that they encourage a balance of "reg" vs. AP classes for all students. Members thought about this question and began discussing VLACs alternative classes.

Does VLACs rigor match Coop rigor even if standards do? It was pointed out that in Math and World Language, the sequence of classes is different in Coop from Vlacs so it leads to confusion. The question arose, can we limit categories (ELOs, classes) even though we cannot limit the maximum number of alternative credit classes. Should the policy empower the administration?

Discussion ensued regarding forming subcommittees and the content of each committee. The following committees were offered:

Grading/Assessments

- Assessment Type
- Uniformity
- Purpose of Homework-Definition
- Standards Based
- Effort vs Content – How is it graded or not?
- Participation – Is it graded or not?
- Grades 7-12 – What we agree on vs disagree

Weighted vs Non Weighted Classes

- To weight or not
- How do we weight
- Prorated weight?

Class Rank (Top 10)

- To keep or no?
- Valedictorian and Salutatorian
- Magna and Summa?

Rick Barnes and Tim Grizone will offer the opportunity to serve on these sub committees to staff and use a google doc for sign up.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00am. The next meeting is on August 27th at 3:00pm.