

Innovations

Early College High School

SCC Minutes - Monday, November 12, 2018

- **Welcome and Introductions**

- Meeting began at 4:04 pm, JoDell conducted the meeting.
- Those present are as follows: Sally, McEntire, Jonathan Martinez, Megan Inama, Stuart Hennigs-Cornell, Sequoia Hennigs-Cornell, Chris Walter, Izumi Okamura, JoDell Parke, Pam Pedersen, Amanda Johnson.

- **Recap Minutes from October meeting**

- Minutes were not on hand.
- Following up with the Washington D.C trip, which brought us to our next topic.

- **Following up on Washington DC Trip proposal – Megan Inama**

- The plan is to go to Washington D.C. from May 4th – May 8th. There is still time to plan and book the trip according to the school district but they will need to have everything solidified by the first of January. They would need to fundraise for the trip and the foundation may be able to help with that. There are about \$5,000 dollars remaining from a fundraiser a year ago.
- Inama and Villate who are planning the trip would need to have a parent meeting at the end of November beginning of December to discuss eligibility and cost. Student who could participate are those juniors and seniors taking U.S Gov and U.S. History who are on track in all core classes. Along with eligibility and funds they would discuss ways students could earn money. Also it is important to note that students who plan to attend will be required to earn enough money for all to attend. The cost will be around \$800 per person with the hope of 35 to 40 students attending which is a grand total of \$32,000. If not enough money is earned it would mean no one could go on the trip. It is an all or nothing attendance trip.
- Ways to earn money that was successfully in years past that were suggested were as follows: a 5k, spaghetti dinner, silent auction.
- More information was requested by JoDell from Heather Bennett who works for the district to provided information on the district guidelines.
- The D.C. trip was tabled and will be discussed further once more information have been received from the district.

- **Gamer Guild Fundraiser**

- Gamers Guild which is a school club would like to have a jar in the office students can drop money into all year to help pay for their end of year tournament. They

would like to use the funds earned to buy bigger prizes that students can win during the tournament.

- The SCC voted and it was passed, all were in favor.

- **SIC Report – Megan Inama**

- School Culture
- Teachers feel like the prep times are making a difference and are very helpful.
- The school store is opening this Friday and students started receiving tickets on Monday.
- Teachers and students are using the third floor for class meetings and now opening the focus room.
- Special Ed students have a 100% graduation rate here at Innovations. What makes Innovations different and have such a high success rate. Teachers came up with five reasons:
 - Mentors
 - Flexibility
 - Teamwork
 - Extra support
 - Communication
- Discussed the concern about room always being closed with no place for students to work. This has been prove to not be true rooms are closed at times for class meetings but no teacher has been at capacity. Students will complaining there is nowhere to work when they cannot have access to laptop or “their spot” is not available. There is always a place for students they may just have to go outside their comfort zone.
- Question was posed on how to combat the issue with students saying there is nowhere to work.
 - Remind students that they can work on something other than a laptop
 - Have a teacher walk them to another room and show them there is a place to work
 - Communicate more from the teachers
 - Help push them towards a new direction aka a new room, help them expand their zone.
 - This will be discussed further at the next meeting to see if any progress was made.

- **ACT/ Math Freeze**

- The math department has added ACT questions to their curriculum for students to take to receive extra credit. There are 10 quizzes with 6 questions each that they can take each week.
- It was asked if they should be timed but it was determined the idea is to get familiar with the type of questions not the pace at which the test is taken.
- Innovations currently has 84 ACT approved calculators thanks to our teachers had work and donor choose. They are still trying to get more TI inspire calculators since they are more user friendly.

- There will be another Math freeze on December 10th, data from the freeze will be compared to the only earlier in the school year.
- All Math I students who are behind have been put in a mandatory lab that they will be in till they are caught up.
 - Discussion arose about student having to go to mandatory classes.
 - Sequoia doesn't like having to attend when she is caught up and said it makes her less motivated. Walter proposed a survey to get feedback from the students to see how mandatory classes can be improved.
 - One proposition was that have more one on one meetings and more tutors. Maybe be in the room but not having to participate, only there to keep track of attendance.
- 75% freshman finished math on time.
- **Concurrent Enrollment Scholarship**
 - The application was reviewed
 - It was point out as a reminder that all books and supplies are property of Innovations and must be returned to the school at the end of the class.
 - KSL did a report on concurrent enrollment and how much Utah students have saved. \$48.7 million dollars have been saved from taking concurrent enrollment classes. <https://www.ksl.com/article/46425293/utah-high-schoolers-saved-487-million-in-college-tuition-by-taking-concurrent-enrollment-courses>
- **SCC meeting time Discussion**
 - Key points to remember that Innovations is not a charter school. We are a special program or choice school. This has be reaffirmed by Heather Bennet from the district.
 - Communication has been good, parents are getting the emails, phone calls, and Facebook messages.
 - Pam discussed the budget.
 - Currently there is no budget for computers. Chrome books were mentioned as an alternative to laptops which are more expensive. This is something that could be looked into in the future.
 - Innovation is achieving the goals that have been laid out for the year to improve ACT and Math scores. Innovations is attempting to have Mastery Prep come and do an ACT boot camp for the juniors and seniors with GEAR UP money.
 - Focus Room
 - Started on Monday. Off to a good start so far. The idea is to have students in there for only 2 to 3 weeks and get caught up. Letters will be sent home for students who have been invited to attend the focus room.
 - SCC Meeting Times
 - New meeting time was proposed. SCC will now be at 5:30pm.
 - Soliciting funds

- Stuart suggested funds be raised from reaching out to alumni and parents. This was table to be discussed at a later time since this would come from parent volunteers and SCC.
- Meeting was adjourned at 5:12 pm.