



ACAC (Academic Choice Advisory Council) Meeting Minutes – 04/07/10

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COMPUTERS

Ben Sanoff, Kate Spohr

The BHSDG is aware that AC has not received enough money for technology, has funded the 1st grant request, will consider the 2nd request next (Thank you Kate and Ben for the considerable time taken to follow this through)

1st grant: \$7848, for 10 PCs and a cart to add to the 22 PCs purchased previously. AC now has a full mobile 32 PC lab for simple browsing, word processing, general research. Teachers will receive training with Ben during PD time in the next 2-3 weeks on how to: reserve and use the lab.

2nd grant: for 5 new MacBooks to add to the 10 purchased previously, 5 new LCD projectors +10 spare bulbs, 2 new printers. AC would then have a 15 MacBook lab for multimedia production, a 2:1 student:computer ratio. LCD projectors are used daily in History classrooms and others. Ben will propose guidelines for the use of the 17 projectors. (12+the new 5) The printers will replace the 2 in Bldg. C which are used by all AC teachers. Ink will be purchased with AC funds.

3rd proposal (AC funds, not BHSDG)
Ben would like to purchase a SmartBoard for his own use in the classroom for 3 sections of AC Economics next year. He would like to give up his technology position to do so. Approx. \$2500 installed, this would be a pilot project. These boards are highly interactive, allow whiteboard classroom work to be saved, come with lifetime warranty and support.

Alex Angell proposed support of this contingent on Ben receiving his 3 sections proposed. Sherene Randle proposed funding 2 SmartBoards, even if this takes away from other budget expenditures.

This proposal to be discussed at April's Parent Leadership Committee.

Note: ACAC to discuss 2010-2011 year budget next month, all parties to come prepared to discuss yearlong budgetary needs, as opposed to our current piecemeal budget.

COUNSELORS

Online scheduling is now complete, working on senior status letters and summer school. This has been a difficult and challenging year. The counselors are thankful for ACAC support. ACAC is thankful for the counselors' perseverance. Welcome to Edress.

ACAC will advocate to the Superintendent within a month for 3.0 FTE for AC counselors next year (2.6 this year) despite a proposal to cut 2.0 counselors from BHS. AC is underserved as it is, especially 9th and 10th graders. Next year AC is likely to grow from approx. 1430 to 1500 or more.

At ACAC request, counselors will propose other means of clerical support for the beginning of each semester next year. (Aug-Sept, Jan-Feb.)

Alex Angell

1. Alex is working to gain A-G accreditation for AC Globalization senior elective
2. AC Leadership for next year is still unclear
3. Proposes ACAC meetings more frequent than once/month

Student Leadership

Student led Facebook page is yet to gain momentum
Roia and Lawrence will meet with Chris Young next week regarding student elections.

AC General Meeting

Karen will begin the booking process for a Wed or Thurs evening 7-8:30 in May for the Library
ACPLC will work on planning, elections, recruitment for succession planning, end of year issues
Next PLC scheduled for 4/22, with a potential extra meeting next week, to be scheduled via email

Next ACAC Meeting Scheduled for 05/06/10 7:30am Conference Room B