



ACAC (Academic Choice Advisory Council) Meeting Minutes – 04/03/09

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RE-DESIGN

April 15, from 3:30 to 5pm, at BHS, location to be announced, there will be a meeting of the new Re-Design committee, which will include Superintendent Bill Huyett. ACAC members Jon Marley and Alex Angell have also been asked to be on the Re-Design committee. If others wish to be included, they may petition the administration, though no such formal invitation has been issued.

Alex Angell intends to put to this committee that the first step needs to be a common definition of terms. The objectives and means of evaluation must first be defined in order for the methods and strategies to be measured against the intended goals.

MASTER SCHEDULE

Jane Wise will contact the interested parties, Rebecca Cheung, Amy Frey, Aaron Glimme, Uri Skowronski, Chrystal Jensen, etc. to ask for a presentation of the Master Schedule progress at the next ACAC meeting May 1st. ACAC parent leadership is available for a separate meeting beforehand if desired.

SCHOOL SIZE

The ratio and size of all BHS schools is stipulated by language which the school board approved. (AC and BIHS are intended to have equal student populations within about 100 students.) Jane Wise will research this language and report back to the ACAC.

SCHOOL ASSIGNMENTS

Incoming 9

th graders were somehow not assigned I.D. numbers, and this has caused a delay in the lottery system. Assignments will not be made until after Spring Break. Maggie has asked that any letters or flyers we wish to accompany the school assignment letters to be ready by April 15th. Karen Meryash will work on the package: Welcome letter, student support information/survey, contact information request, AC Reaching Out flyer, etc. Jon Marley and Lawrence Grown will assist as needed. Information will also be made available in Spanish.

AC CURRICULUM DOCUMENT

Alex Angell and Lawrence Grown will update the document. Math and Science will not yet be included as teachers have not yet been assigned to small learning communities.

MR. FRENCH's Classes

Ms. Nichols has been contracted through the end of the school year, and is working well with Alex Angell and others.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

On Tuesday, April 14th mentors will meet to give feedback on the program.

Wednesday, April 15th, late start day, will be another mentoring day.

On Friday, April 17th at lunch, in Alex Angell's room C307? there will be a recruitment meeting for any students wanting to know more about leadership opportunities (ACAC, SGC, BSEP, Student Govt, etc.) The goal is to attract many underclassmen, especially students of color.

Outreach methods: etree, flyers, daily P.A. announcements, Facebook group, mentors...

Mia Levin and Jane Wise will get a message to the AC etree moderator tonight, and to the daily public address system Monday after Spring Break.

Lawrence Grown will forward the message to the AC teacher email list to promote in class.

Angela Kolas-Pearson will announce this on the AC Mentoring Facebook page, and will email Irma Parker and Simon Tiles for referrals.

On Tuesday, Mentors will be asked to announce Friday's meeting in their classes all day Wednesday and Thursday, and Friday morning.

REACHING OUT

AC Community Celebration and Information Fair to be held on Sunday May 17th from 4-6 pm in the Campus Green behind the C Building.

Lawrence Grown is coordinating the committee to organize the facilities, speakers, food, etc.

AC SPRING GENERAL MEETING

Will be held concurrent with the Community celebration. The bylaws require a presentation of:

- 1) program assessment data from the previous year and the first semester of the current year,
- 2) proposed changes to the program, for the following year.
- 3) parents will elect the 5 Parent Representatives to the ACAC.

Hand outs will be prepared to inform the parent body as above, as well as Parent Rep candidate statements. The election will be held by secret ballot. A "State of AC" speech will complete the picture.

TEACHER LEADERSHIP

Lawrence Grown will survey AC teacher leaders to see if an alternative ACAC time would bring more participation.

Sherene Randle and Alex Angell will discuss co-leadership for next year among themselves.

AC LEADERSHIP SURVEY

UCB Students of Haas School of Business who are observing our organization, handed out an o

rganizational survey today. Results will be presented later.

EVENTS, MEETINGS

April 14 Mentor meeting

April 15, Late Start, Mentoring Day, Re-Design Committee Meeting

April 17, Student Leadership meeting

May 17, AC General Meeting, Community Celebration and Information Fair

Next ACAC Meeting Scheduled for May 1st 2009