



SLT Meeting Agenda April 19, 2018

Tentative CEP Goals 2017-2018

By June 26, 2018:

- The Math Department will collaboratively develop a rubric to improve the articulation of students' approach to multi-step, real-world problems as measured by a 5% increase of 75 or higher on the Regents.
- 100% of The Cinema School teachers will have participated in collaborative planning for school culture events.
- A minimum of 100% of the teaching staff will have participated in voluntary professional development (attended, planned, or facilitated) that supports rigorous instruction.
- At least 75% of the teaching staff will have an overall Measures of Teaching Practice (MOTP) score of 2.75 or above in components 3B and 3C of the Danielson Framework for Teaching.
- The majority of our parents will access information about their child's progress in school, as evidenced by a minimum of 66% who log into PupilPath.

I- Welcome! Prior Minutes Approval (5:00pm)

- **Approved!**

II- CEP Goals Check-In and Related Business (5:10pm)

- **AP For All - The direction of the school!**
 - o Initiative started by Chancellor Farina.
 1. Students must sit for one AP course/test.
 2. 5 AP Courses must be available.
 - a. We used to have 5 courses, but they weren't considered "up to snuff" by the then superintendent.
 - b. The standards have been recalibrated
 - c. What matters now is a course that's rigorous and building college-level skills.
 - d. There are multiple, required trainings, visits from content advisors.
 - e. Mr. Perry has taken the reins on this and has ambitious plans to expand our offerings from our current 3 to 7-8.
 - i. Right now, we have AP English Language, English Literature, and US Government
 - ii. We are looking to expand to 2 more next year:
 1. AP Environmental Science - "Living Environment, Cubed!"
 2. AP Government -
 3. AP World History "Prep" (possible) - 9th Graders would take a pre-AP History course of study and see which cohort of 9th graders



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would be able to move into a true AP World History class as sophomores.

4. AP Stats - TBD

- a. WL - I want to make sure that the readiness factor is there, because while they don't need Pre-Calc, they might need Algebra II to be ready.
 - i. KW - We agree.
 - ii. WL - There just might be enough students ready for this class though.
 - iii. KW - We haven't made any hard decisions about this yet, but we will.

f. AP skills - Vertical Alignment PD.

- i. We spent last Friday looking at Implicit and Explicit AP Skills

g. Several of our students attended a weekend in Greenkill for sharpening their AP Skills. - US Government.

h. We charge a \$15 deposit for the AP Exam to cover for students who don't choose to sit, because then the school has to pay. The full price is \$94, which is a cost, unfortunately, that the school cannot solely incur.

i. SG - How does one qualify for an AP class?

- i. AP For All's philosophy is that ALL students are qualified for an AP class.
- ii. NM - Is that a smart idea? Because not all students are "AP ready."
- iii. JS - I think one of the greatest sins in American education has been lowering standards.
- iv. KW - I want to ensure that we give all students access to the rigor. Even if you're not teaching an AP course, there is still a focus on the rigor, the AP skills that we are making a schoolwide effort to implement.
- v. WL - We are looking to build skills up to the point where students are ready through the process of vertical alignment. With this implementation, it's like we have to build a plane while it's already in mid-air.
- vi. KW - We have to make sure that we are not selecting in a way that seems like we're barring any student from access to the class.
- vii. WL - I don't understand having a Freshman AP Class.
- viii. AB - It can be a major transition and we don't have to do that now, but something like AP Environmental Science could work in the future.
- ix. JS - There are IB High Schools that expect a huge leap from middle to high school. It *could* work, eventually, but it's all about how we get ready to receive freshmen and acclimate them, as a school, to high school & AP work.

3. There's a nasty conception among the seniors that they don't have to spend a full day at school.

- a. NM - At some schools, it's a privilege to leave at 12 if you have enough credits.

4. "There's ALWAYS homework!" - If your child isn't studying or going over your notes, they're not doing what they're supposed to!

- a. I want to make sure that studying is internalized and that graphic organizers are gone by 11th Grade.

● Budget Check-In- Title I Money

- o As you can see, the budget looks a LOT different. A lot was spent since last time.
- o Much of the money was spent on paper for MOSL and Mock Regents.
 1. We want to conserve as much as possible.
- o SG and JS spend the Title I money!

III- Guidance Events and Updates (6:10pm)

- HIV/ AIDS Mandatory Lessons

o AB - These are required, so the guidance dept decided to hold ALL of the lessons throughout the day tomorrow, Friday 4/19.

1. We felt that having this immersion is much more valuable than diluting it throughout the week!

- College Office Updates

- o We are very excited to announce that Holliday and Beckman applied to be approved to host college classes here through Mercy College!

- o Our teachers can get certified to teach these courses here at TCS after school.

IV- Film Program Updates (6:20pm)

- Pseudo-MWI films are coming along, but slowly.

- 9th Grade Documentaries are starting pre-production. We've created pathways for both individual and group projects.

V- PA Updates (6:35pm)

- We spent the money!

VI- SLT Norming, Scheduling and Upcoming Agenda Items (6:45pm)

- Calendar of remaining meetings for 2017-2018:

- o Tuesday, May 22, 2018

- o Tuesday, June 12, 2018

VII- Questions, Concerns Upcoming Meeting Items and Additional Business for Open Discussion (7:00pm)

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