



GC Meeting Agenda

Date : 10/15/24

Present Members :	Caterina Leone-Mannino	Deon Rodgers	Jodi Cook	Christine Gervais	Kristine Price	Chris Slifka	Lynn Girven	
	Rosemary Wilson	Scott Weber	Rebecca Cody	Parent Rep	Parent Rep	Jacayla Stewart 890228629	Student Rep	Guest: Dan Hart

Agenda Item	Notes
Approval of Previous Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☰ 240917 US Gov Council Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Moved by K. Price ● Seconded by R. Cody ● Decision: Approved by all
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PD Approvals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 📄 241015 EASTU_TNL 18th National ASL Roundtable Conference 10-31-24.docx , 📄 241015 EASTU_Transforming Power Alternatives to Violence Project - Advanc... 📄 241015 NYS TESOL Annual Conference 2024.docx
Staff Updates	<p>Dan Hart - Release Time Proposal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Intent to release D. Hart one period every other day for the balance of the year so that he can work on SEL learning opportunities on half days. He needs time to communicate with all involved, create a solid logistical plan, and run errands associated with the creation of these days. ● D. Rodgers shared that perhaps some of this time could be used to create a committee for the half days. D. Hart shared that he thinks a Culture and Climate Committee needs to exist but not one only for the ½ days. ● L. Girven shared that she thinks we need more input from staff as to why more are not willing to host sessions. ● R. Wilson asked if this release time will negatively impact students. D. Hart shared only 5 students will be impacted and relocated to a different class. ● Vote: Tabled until after the 1st MP (11/8/24) ● Decision: Will have a special meeting on 11/5 or 11/6 after we gather feedback from students and staff for the 10/25 half day.
Instructional Council Updates	<p>East RCSD Tenet 3 Transition Team October Survey due 10/25/24</p> <p>Caterina to connect with Jenn Cody to provide feedback about questions on the survey.</p>
FACE Updates	<p>10/17/24 FACE Meeting Tenet 6 Transition Planning Career Fair 10/24/24</p>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> senior and juniors invited to attend during 5th block <p>Parent Teacher Conference 10/24/24</p>
Community School Updates	Urban League Gear Up - Brendalee Roman, D237 - working with 9th grade Cohort
EPO Updates	<p>Transition Planning:</p> <p>East/RCSD Transition Planning Google Doc</p> <p>Tenets 1/2</p> <p>Tenet 3</p> <p>Tenet 4</p> <p>Tenet 5</p> <p>Tenet 6</p>
RCSD Updates	<p>Superintendent's Conference Day November 5, 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We are sending out the flier for November 5, 2024 Superintendent's Conference Day. Please note that all RCSD staff members will receive this message through an eBlast next week. We encourage you to print and display this flier in the staff lounge and main office as staff members will be encouraged to check the OPL Landing Page as we near Election Day. Flyer <p>SIP/SCEP Team</p> <p>Get your School on the OSI Wheel of Recognition!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> October Continuous Improvement Checklist (all documents are on OSI google Site on Roc Connect) +Meet with School Improvement Team (Reference Rolling Agenda in SIP Folder) +Schedule your SIP Team meetings for the year (Send outlook invites_ +Plan for grade level data meetings (Identify grade level meeting faciliator) +Document evidence of school's progress in SIP & Tracker Once completed, click below to claim your place on the wheel of recognition for November! Continuously yours, OSI Form to Sign up <ul style="list-style-type: none"> C. Leone-Manino suggested quarterly monitoring committee because we already have transition team meetings. L. Girven volunteered to participate on the quarterly monitoring committee for the SCEP.
NYSED Updates	<p>NYSED Transitional School Support Visit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> visit went well for Upper School this is the only visit this year that is required since we are out of receivership



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● J. Stewart agreed with K. Price that large group visits are overwhelming for students. Smaller groups would be better if possible moving forward.
Calendar of Events	Upcoming Field Trips School-wide Event Process
Hot Topic/ Current Issues	<p><u>Half Day on Friday, 10/25</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● creating a half day choice session for the upcoming 10/25 Hispanic Heritage and Fall Festival Half Day.● There have been 4 reminders, combination of in person and in email, to submit for choice sessions. There have been 11 submissions to the form, plus 4-5 that are always offered (therapy dogs, open gym, support room, etc.) Plus, there is an assembly planned for all to attend to honor Hispanic Heritage month.● C. Leone-Manino shared that if we do not have enough ½ day offerings we can instead revert to instructional time (1, 2, and assembly for the first one, 3, 4, 5 and an assembly for the next one...and so on) with a one hour assembly planned for the ½ day. She also shared concern about not enough staff offering choice sessions and that she is concerned that not all have bought into this model. She also brought forward staff equity concerns about how some lead, buy materials, etc and others just coast through the day. How are staff expectations equitable for that day? Is this ½ day schedule owned by a majority of our students and staff? Should this be changed to by department, by classroom teacher, or by 2-3 teachers who group together.● J. Stewart shared that she thinks students value the choice day sessions on the half day as opposed to instruction on the half days. She shared that she believes it keeps students engaged.● D. Rodgers asked what kind of student feedback has been gathered about ½ days and the choice session offerings. He also shared that safety and security of the building needs to be a consideration and needs to be part of the planning for the day. He also offered to help D. Hart with this piece. There needs to be an accountability piece and a way to track where students should be throughout the morning offerings.● D. Hart shared that the half days with choice sessions are on the third year here at East. The first one is usually staff driven, but they become more student driven as the year progresses. This is part of our Tenet 5 SEL focus. He also shared that he thinks reverting back to what we did prior to SEL half days would possibly hurt morale. Dan believes we have a total of approx. 19 sessions right now.● K. Price shared that both student and staff attendance should also be looked at as a data point. Are people really engaged and showing up on these days? We need to gather feedback from students and staff moving forward so we are basing our decisions on something solid and not just anecdotes.● R. Cody asked how many sessions do we currently have in total?● J. Cook shared that supplies can be costly and there is a bigger burden on those who offer to lead.



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- R. Wilson echoed concerns about safety, chaos, avoidance choices and lack of attendance by our students.
- **Vote: 1 vote for continuing the same as we've been the past two years, 6 are voting in favor of having teachers do SEL sessions within their classes or partnered up with a couple other teachers, 2 are split between the first two options, 0 voted to simply have instruction all morning instead.**
- **If you are participating in the assembly on 10/25, please let C. Leone-Mannino so that we can get you coverage to rehearse during blocks 1 and 2.**

Field Trip Approval Process

- C. Leone- Manino suggested that a departmental budgeting process begin with the available funds for the year. This is a suggestion to bring equity to field trips for all of our student population.
- L. Girven suggested that TLs discuss this and roll this out with each department.
- K. Price suggests that there should be a cut-off for field trips at the end of April because of AP exams in May and Regents exams in June.
- L. Girven, C. Leone Manino, and R. Cody discussed whether or not we should ask for submission of all field trips for our consideration for the year or should we ask for submission 30 days in advance for us to consider at each GC meeting?
- **Decision: submission 30 days in advance for us to consider at each GC meeting**

NYSAA Transportation Cost Updates

- costs for special transportation will be covered by RCSD

Grading Equity

- L. Girven shared that this is being piloted in some classes currently. She suggests that we table this until we get data from those piloting it.
- R. Cody shared that there are great differences among colleagues as to how grading is done.
- K. Price shared that there is much to be discussed about this topic before any decisions are made.
- **Decision: Tabled**

Crowd Funding Processes - BOE policy 1810

- see linked policy from RCSD
- needs to be approved by the principal
- needs to follow FERPA law, IDEA law, etc.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● sums of \$1500 or more need to go before Governance Council and the BOE for acceptance● if anyone has a crowd-funding request currently out, please inform and forward the link to GC and the principal
Follow Up Topics for Next Agenda	Grading Equity Field Trips to Date, Upcoming Field Trips Dan Hart Proposal 10/25 feedback
Committee Links	FACE Minutes (Tenet 6) Instructional Council Agenda /Minutes PL Committee Agenda /Minutes 24-25 SY SCEP East Upper School
GC Meeting Dates 24-25	<u>PL for Upper School</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● September 25● October 16● November 20● December 18● January 8● February 26● March 19● April 30● May 21● June async <u>Principals Meetings</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● September 11● October 2● November 6● December 4● January 15● February 5● March 5● April 2● May 7● June 4



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