

Home/Hospital Planning Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, November 3rd, 2021 - 3:00PM (Zoom)

- 1) September 29, 2021 Minutes - Approved
- 2) Update on Number of Students - As of today, we have 74 students enrolled, with 16 awaiting placement. The nurse told Kelly she is expecting extension letters for a few of the students we thought would return to school soon. Brad Robinson will begin as a H/H sub tomorrow.
- 3) Update on New Teacher - We conducted interviews last week for our one open teaching position. Chris contacted Ann Brady on how to proceed and has not heard back.
- 4) Grievance/Student Grouping Update -
 - a) Regarding our Class Action Grievance for the one-on-one teaching violation by “grouping” students, Martha Keating met with the district on Friday and told them it is a blatant contract violation. The district said they will look into it.
 - b) Chris detailed the district’s plans to take the Covid-exempt students away from us and assign them to 7 teachers from the main teaching unit who are themselves home with medical exemptions. He said the plan is for elementary students to be grouped in 2 hour blocks and only receive instruction in Math and English. The secondary students will receive 45 minutes per subject. We still oppose the grouping of students, but Chris said it wouldn't pertain to us if they are not Home/Hospital Teachers. Our issue is that he believes they will still be enrolled as Home/Hospital students. We object to the fact that they will then be replacing us (by not allowing us to hire new H/H teachers) with classroom teachers to teach Home/Hospital students. Replacing us with teachers in the main unit is a contract violation. If they are Home/Hospital students, they deserve 1-on-1 instruction with Home/Hospital Teachers. We suggest they be taken off of our rolls and either put back with their home school or placed with the LyncX Program, as LyncX teachers are a part of the regular teaching unit. We also do not believe that Kelly should have any responsibility for these teachers and students, as she is the Home/Hospital Assignment Coordinator.
 - c) Right now the student Covid exemptions are until the end of January. We asked if we should be letting the parents of these students know there might be a change, but Chris does not have a timeline of when this might all happen.
- 5) IEP Days: Contractually, the district provides special education teachers “with one full day of release time or the equivalent for the purpose of writing IEPs, preparing for and holding IEP conferences with parents, preparing for annual reviews, etc. Such release

time will be scheduled with the approval of the immediate supervisor to meet the program needs. Nothing in this provision shall be construed as requiring all IEP-related release time to occur in full-day blocks.” While the contract allows for 1 day of release time, we have certain teachers with extenuating circumstances who might need more time. Chris said this can be requested.

- 6) Superintendent Conference Days - As discussed yesterday, we would like to see more individual planning time as part of conference days. We commend Sally for all of her hard work setting up sessions for the 11/2 Conference Day. For the next Conference Days, many teachers requested more sessions that pertain more to our practical “day-to-day” subject teaching. Chris will work with Sally and our subject area reps (the Instructional Supplies Committee), to plan the spring conference days, if they are “building-based.” If they are “district-based,” we do not have input.

Next Planning Meeting - Wednesday, December 1st - 3:00PM (Zoom)