

Anvil City Science Academy
Academic Policy Committee
Minutes for 9-24-20

Present: Lahka Peacock, Sean Knudsen, Julie Kelso, Lisa Leeper, Jade Murdock, Anna Moore and Jeff Collins present in person. Becca Callahan present via Google Meet.

Meeting called to order at 5:39pm by Julie Kelso.

Approve Minutes of 8-10-20

Julie moved to approve minutes, Lahka seconded. Passed unanimously.

ACSA Communication

Regarding communications to parents, options include daily email, google classroom and checking the assignment notebook. Lisa has been emailing schoolwide messages. Daily work and homework is on google classroom for times when students are not in school due to quarantine or other reasons. Jade to begin sending daily emails and announcements. Jeff brought up the Remind app, it could be used for general messages for ACSA, but needs to be cleaned up.

Parent Night

There was a parent/student meeting during the first week of school. APC decided no additional parent night needed this year.

Mentors for new families

Jade to send out a message requesting mentors and those families wanting mentors.

Students in quarantine

Jeff seeking input from APC for ideas on how to best accommodate students on quarantine. Lisa believes approximately one fifth of our students have been impacted in some way by either travel requiring quarantine or having contact with someone that necessitates quarantine. Google Classroom is being used to keep students abreast of assignments they are missing at school. While some students are keeping up at home, some others are not, and expecting to get caught up when they return. Julie asked about the possibility of having a mandatory Zoom class for math every day for those students quarantining. Whether it can be done for all four classes at once is uncertain, given bandwidth limitations. The math eBook takes a long time to load for students, so is not an effective resource. If students are expected to be gone for more than a few days, we have been delivering their math book pages. The ConnectEd videos that are available as part of our math curriculum are not as effective as others available on YouTube. Kahn Academy is an effective and free online resource for math students. This issue is ongoing, and we will continue to seek best practices and follow up at our next meeting.

Strategic planning schedule

APC has a responsibility in planning to keep the quality of ACSA up to par. What are ACSA expectations for each subject? What can we do at this point to ensure a quality and sustainable program even with staffing changes? APC to begin reviewing the Charter at each regular meeting to address this.

APC member opening

Boogles Johnson has resigned. Lisa to put out email to solicit interest in serving on the APC.

Next meeting date

October 22, 2020 at 5:30pm

Meeting adjourned at 6:56pm.