

Academics Committee Meeting

2/10, 4pm, 101b

Agenda items:

1. World's best workforce goal setting & involvement
 - Jenn laid out the components we need to be aware of.
 - Academics will serve in an advisory role to the team that is assembled (including parents, etc.)
 - Jenn is presenting to parents tomorrow, Wednesday, 2/11 at 6pm. Attendance requested.
2. Policy/ procedure for repeating courses and grades and transcripts... our handbook only addresses math, but it may be helpful to have consistency.
 - Discussion of “repeating” procedure.
 - Received clarification on math dept’s policy – discovered there is a lot of discussion/research that goes behind each decision.
 - What if a kid does poorly in a class and repeats? What shows up on the transcript?
 - NG marking?
 - Jenn looking into what we legally can do, as well as what colleges want to see
3. March 6 - Professional Development
 - After bouncing around a few ideas, decided we will leave in-house to stay flexible
 - If scheduling is still an issue, may need this as a time to get things sorted/finalized so we can move forward with scheduling/hiring/etc.
 - If we’re good on schedule, we will use as team building since many are feeling so fragmented this year.
4. April ??? - Grading Day?
 - Confirmed!
5. Policy/ Procedure for timeline to finish an incomplete before it turns into an F
 - 2 weeks has been the informal policy, written would be nice for people who are coming in.
 - 2 week “deadline” flexible and a case-by-case basis
 - Jenn will write up.
6. Does Academics want to take on grade scales? How about homework? (Still many parents who claim that their students have many many hours of homework)
 - All members will bring the idea of grade scales up in the next dept meeting and report back to see if consistency is feasible.
 - Homework – can’t do a ton since there are so many variables at hand.
 - Will all remind depts. that projects/papers need to go on calendar as well.
7. What impact does the draft new schedule have on course offerings?
 - Tabled until schedule is figured out.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 3/3, 4pm, 101B.

Future items: Finalizing PD on 3/6. Next movement on agenda items 1, 6, and possibly 7.