

1/31/2013 Meeting Agenda

Grading in AP classes

Recruitment for fall 13 classes

Timeline/application process for each dept.

Projected course offerings

Summer needs

From 2/19/13 Follow Up E-Mail

General feedback from AP teachers was that they wanted to maintain grading autonomy (current grade scale will remain the same e.g A= 100-88). Should a teacher veer away from these two they must communicate with admin.

Kevin to look into college board policy home school-

This year:

Tadeo-French

Madisson-physics

Alex Lira-Retake Bio and Spanish

Ariana Bautista-re take AP Bio

Morales siblings-worried about scheduling conflicts for next year and now wants to take the test. Brother Edgar wants to take it as well.

Practice ap tests? Who monitors it?

Sharon-will be hard for students to pass a test without taking the class.

Sarah-setting them up for failure? Although some kids take the class now and fail.

Lorraine-students hear that the Spanish test is easy. The class is geared to over-prepare them for the test. Students may have an inaccurate perception of the difficulty of the class. Lesley is capable (speaks and writes well), but hard to gauge. Edgar however is not prepared. She doesn't want to be the person to have to communicate to them.

Stephanie-would parents then blame the school?

Lorraine-what kind of message will this send to students? Have to think of the Non-Native students.

Justin-target NN students are those that started foreign language in middle school.

Karlo-in most high schools the test and class are separate. Doesn't see a problem. Sees impact it may have on the class, but if kids want to, they should (after being counseled).

Sharon-it is at their own risk. Perhaps students could be in touch from the beginning.

Kevin-agrees with Karlo, but then we are opening ourselves up for kids who decline to take it after taking the class. Ordering currently happens based on class rosters. Otherwise we would have to leave it up to the students to order them on their own.

Andy-they should be made to do it on their own.

Sarah-If they have a shot why not allow them?

Karlo-as long as there is room

Lorraine-the cost-does it impact the school

Kevin will follow up with cost

We will allow this year for students to take the test if we offer it on site.

Team will meet for policy next year

Sarah-at old school-struggled with work ethic despite students getting an extra grade point. The kids in ap classes perceive themselves to be "smarter" but then end up working less! Started an AP Club-teachers rotate. Kids are divided into groups by study skills. Kids sign in-have to join the club. Get special recognition at graduation-special AP cords. This way studnets understand that there is more effort needed. Teachers got a stipend. Keeps all the ap teachers on the same page. (this would be rotations with stipend)

Stephanie-Challenge for art studnets who are not "academic". Similar problems to what we are facing now.

**Grant written for providing breakfast.

Team was interested (with some concerned about additional time required)