



[Academic Committee]
October 13, 2020

1. Virtual Academy Updates

- Survey was released last week to all virtual families. We believe K-5 is going well overall. 6-12 needs additional staffing support.
- Discussed allowing families back to in-person learning if the survey data indicated the need.
- Daily meetings with students is a goal the committee has for virtual students. A need for a master schedule exists.

2. Solid Foundation of Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment (Data)

- Working under the parameters that we will test. If we don't end up testing, students will still be prepared.
- Mr. McDonald touched on concerns for academic options at the HS level. Students leaving at the HS level for various options.

3. Grant for Expanding Opportunities at THS

- In the past, funds were available from ODE through competitive grants. This year, funds are being dispersed evenly to Districts.
- Mr. Smiley wants to use the funds to consider expanding the AP options at THS.
- Mr. McDonald asked about partnering with nearby high schools to expand AP options. Consider making CCP part of the scheduling process to show families options for remaining at THS while expanding educational opportunities. Clearly show pathways to our families prior to scheduling (put in course guide). Make sure we are in

communication with students in 8th grade so that they know their future high school academic options.

-Joan Stidham brought up AP options through Edgenuity.

-Megan Rivet mentioned an 8th-grade parent night for scheduling. The intention is to ensure parents know that our course guide does not mean additional options are not available. TRLSD wants to work with families to find pathways for their interest levels and academic needs. This would entail the high school planning the parent night for the 8th-grade students. This should be scheduled for mid-January. Have area colleges attend the event or send their recommendations to THS prior to the 8th-grade meeting. Include testimonials for parent/student information. The importance of also making parents aware of career academies.

4. Supporting Career Academies

-Look at the brochure that was created in 2019-2020.

-Continue sharing information regarding Career Academies and options available to families.

5. Literacy Plan including Writing

-The plan will include next steps for future goals. What are we currently doing to hit 80% and what do we need to begin doing?

-We need to work on vertical aligning with writing.

>Other Topics Addressed:

-Overcoming all barriers during the pandemic.

-Has the District looked into returning to school five days a week?

-Consider getting feedback from families and staff regarding thoughts on blended model vs 5 days a week in-person learning.

-4th Grade Parent Link on elementary website.