

TASC Agenda
January 21, 2021

Attendance: Nicoletta Slovinski, Maureen Lambrix, Paul Cusack, Travis Smith, Kate Trela, Emily Reitter, Pete Kanefke, Kristen Peterson, Tom Basili, Claudia Dargento

New Business:

I. Communication:

a) The faculty is concerned with the lack of notice we are given as to the daily schedules. We were only told the schedule for Friday 1/15 at 3:29 on 1/13 (after contract hours). Faculty feel it is inconsiderate and does not provide staff adequate time to design well thought out lessons and best utilize instructional time.

The intent is to give faculty time to plan. With schedule changes the district has to also wait for Board of Ed approval.

II. Student Discipline:

III. Technology:

a) Genesis Questions:

- For classes that meet for double periods, can there be a way for the attendance to reflect per period?

Travis will look into it to see if it's possible for attendance to be done per period. If that is possible teacher may be required to post attendance twice for that course on a day where double periods meet.

- Can comments be added to the marking period/interim report comment section that are relevant to the hybrid learning environment?

Ex “ Student does not keep camera on/participate in the virtual/hybrid learning environment”

“Student is frequently late to join the online platform and reports connectivity issues”

Travis says comments can be amended. He suggests the RIHEA come up with comments that reflects the needs in both buildings and submit to the building principals for approval.

- Staff members are requesting written instructions on the attendance procedures for hybrid learning.

District decided not to amend attendance policy. If a student is present mark them present. If they are absent, write a note in the comment section or send an email. Reasonableness and common sense should prevail. If a student is not responding even if logged in, mark them absent and follow up with an email.

Email was sent September 23rd and on December 22nd about attendance.

Comments are being kept track of by administration and are used in attendance meeting. You can be specific in comments.

- b) Staff members report receiving suspicious looking emails mid-October with the subject "Your Network Activity Report". Jim Dunbar's RIH email was cc'd and the email contained the RIH logo. Was this some sort of "test" to see if staff can spot phishing attempts or is the district really monitoring the time spent on the computers?

This was a phishing exercise. John has a report that he is working on to help protect us from cyberattacks.

IV. Building Maintenance:

- a) Faculty are reporting that their desks and student desks are not wiped down regularly. They are reminded to report in School Dude but this shouldn't be necessary to have desks and rooms well cleaned during a pandemic.

Cleaning crew uses a spray disinfectant. It air dries. They do not wipe each desk. All teacher desks should be cleared of papers so the desks can be sprayed. The cleaning company will be reminded to move papers on student desks before spraying.

V. General:

- a) Why are student recommendations due before second marking period? Teachers would have a better idea after second marking period quarterlies as to the correct placement for students.

The district is aggressive in their scheduling time frame and since we disseminate student schedules before Memorial Day weekend for students, we need to start sectioning earlier. Faculty have roughly 18 weeks to

determine placement, if there is a need to change recommendation, it is available.

b) As part of our civic responsibility, staff felt that the school/administration should have addressed the events that took place on January 6th and also the inauguration. In the past teachers have been told they could stream the ceremonies during their class. This year there was no mention of the events.

Watching/streaming the Inauguration is a professional judgement and if certain teachers wanted to stream it, there would be no issue with that. However, Travis doesn't want anyone to feel that they have to stream it. In 2017, the main office staff asked if they could have the TVs turned on to the inauguration which he approved but never sent out a general announcement. This year the inauguration occurred on a virtual day

In terms of the January 6th events, Travis was planning on making a coordinated statement with Greg Vacca but he had to contact trace Thursday night and did not have the opportunity to coordinate. Travis put a statement out the first opportunity he had a chance to which was on Friday evening January 8th. His statement was shared on the Principal's Corner of the Ramapo High School website and in a Schoology post.

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