

DOI Meeting Minutes 12/5/16

Start time: 4:16pm

Stop time: 5:55pm

Learning Environment Pros and Cons (TEC affected)

Minimum minutes of instruction

90% Attendance Minimum Attendance for Credit

PA Interruptions

Committee voted to not have a waiver for this flexibility they feel it is a campus

Make a recommendation to code and bring up at district principals meeting

Class Size Ratio 22:1 (K-4)

5th grade does not have a 22:1 ratio; they can have an increase in the amount of students.

Currently Pre-K (18:1)

Currently K through 4th grade (22:1) in WFISD has 338 classes and out of those on 10 are over the 22:1 ratio and they have 23-24 students in the classroom: Fain, Crockett, Franklin, Fowler, Cunningham

We use an overflow process for campuses that are over the amount of 22:1

Is there a consideration to lower 5th grade?

If you increase your class size then you could lose teachers.

Increase Recess Time

DOI discussed that recess time is not prevented by TEC but sees that recess time will be up to each individual campus

Current Practices: Eagle Mountain Saginaw ISD, Dallas ISD, Fort Worth ISD, and Finland (research to back it up shows behavior has improved and student achievement has increased).

K-5th grades 30mins required for rigorous activity (PE)

6-8th grades 30mins required for rigorous activity in all semesters (PE)

9-12th grades 1yr requirement for rigorous activity (PE)

Night/Virtual/Summer-- High School Credit Options

Discussed credit accrual and recovery options and when to offer those (day/night). District needs to enforce a checks and balance system for the credit recovery system. Students with children and offering a program that best suits their needs. CAPS/Accelerated instruction was brought up as one of the programs that WFISD implements for at-risk students. We need to further explore this option for students wanting to graduate early and those students that are not considered at-risk.

Question came up about community members conducting summer tutoring to allow teachers time off instead of teaching summer school. The tutoring in summer school requires certified teachers working with students.

Virtual Instruction-Attendance and percentage of attendance came up as a question. There are rules to online instruction. The cost is something to look at with virtual school. In the past we have had to offer a German and Sign Language online class to two students who had to finish up their 2 year language requirement. District paid for those two students to receive the online instruction.

Night School- had tight rules on instruction. In the past there was a rule to have a full staff during the hours of night school.

Have to have 6 hours to instruction daily.

Scenario- A model student who physically does not want to attend school. Can they attend virtual school or an accelerated instruction program?

If you have students ½ day (240 minutes of instruction-ADA code) and if you have a student who is coded a 0 that does effect funding and the ADA code. If a kid only has 2 classes to make up and they are coming 4 hours a day they are getting around 20hours of instruction a week.

CTE is it still an option to keep it open at night? Yes we are looking at keeping it open so all students can have options.

CTE is going to have dual credit classes and a cohort with Vernon.

Committee feels like we do not need a waiver for this/attendance requirements.

Want students to be present 90% of the time and there is already a process in place (Attendance Review Committee for kids who go down to 75% attendance), however, other districts have asked for flexibility around this requirement for those who master content early and to be able to be creative with how and when students get credit and what they do with time during the day.

DOI member discussed how this is helpful to high achieving kids who may want to utilize time during day differently due to demands of other extracurricular activities.

DOI Homework:

Keep looking at the other districts innovation plans

Invite secondary person to get expertise on high school information

Contract days for Educators (look at other DOI). Would district consider lowering teacher contract days but keep pay? One district did this.

Keep thinking about the 90% attendance rule

Look at flexibility for CTE areas and Foreign Language

Look at probationary contract (think in terms of years for new hires and new to district)

Look at last night's 60 minutes episode (12/4/16) about a man trying to bring more businesses to his community (Could help wrap our minds around jobs and CTE benefits). Let's look at the BIG PICTURE...please watch the episode.

Next meeting:

Finalize voting and discussion on minimum minutes, 90% attendance rule and staffing areas affected by TEC.

DOI committee member would like consideration of creating an evaluation plan that is specific for WFISD and use the new TTESS that is time intensive and cumbersome for teachers and administrators.

Next meeting Monday, January 2nd, 2017 (3pm?) Barwise Room B117B