

# Parent Advisory Meeting 12.7.2015 5:00pm

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In attendance: Jane Lagerquist, Kimberly Adelsman, Maura Hackenmueller, Karyn Carlson, Mina Lee, Angela Whited, and Stephanie Meyer.

## 1. Infinite Campus Syllabus Info.

### Upper Campus

- The syllabus should be available online.
- Should the teachers be sent an email offering different 'how to's'
- Teachers need to input all missing assignments by the end of the day (4:30) and then teachers have two weeks to grade.
- Teachers should have assignments available 1 week in advance.
- There aren't currently any rules/guidelines in place.

Lower Campus – Infinite Campus is available to lower campus as well. This is a question for Brook.

## 2. Overview of preliminary plans for Science and Math in Upper School

- Science: MCA takes place during 5<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> grade (after biology). The 8<sup>th</sup> grade MCA does not line up with Nova's curriculum. Physics is right away, but Life Science and Chemistry are not. Nova would like to build our curriculum so that the science portion repeats more upon itself.
- Math – Nova is thinking about adding one more year of a math curriculum.
- Nova's goal is to get more in line with what subjects are being tested in the MCA.
- Should Nova consider a different Biology book for the 9<sup>th</sup> graders? Possibly something that is more comprehensive.
- MCA scores were lower for 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. 10<sup>th</sup> graders performed well – 83% proficient which is really quite good.
- Nova is looking at putting more 'science' into the 5<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum.
- Saxon: Intro to Algebra (sp?) book really was helpful

## 3. ACT testing info for Grades 3-10, roll out in fall 2016.

- Nova is looking at using ACT Aspire instead of ERB.
- Nova is required to a 2<sup>nd</sup> metric.
- 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be doing testing in the Spring: MCA in April? There isn't a timeline for the ERB yet.
- ACT Aspire works well with Nova's curriculum and with ACT testing
- Re: major testing. Maura suggested that they not pick a date right after Spring ahead because the kids are tired. Nova gets to pick the date between the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of March and the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of May, so that shouldn't be a problem to avoid.
- All testing, whether it be ERB, MCA, or ACT Aspire are all available online.

## 4. Is there any news on the playground? Nothing is known at this point. They are working bids for turf.

## 5. Upcoming Events:

- Parent Education Night: January 11 for grades 8-11. This education event will cover course registration for fall 2016.

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- Course guide is about ready
- Course guide will be out after winter break (1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> week of January).
- There will be course registration information for honors courses and help.
- 1<sup>st</sup> week of February is registration
- Infinite Campus provides course information that follows the students path throughout their career at Nova. Infinite Campus also has some built in warnings for students that have not signed up for enough required classes, the wrong classes, etc.
- Registration will take place from the student side of the Infinite Campus portal, but parents should be able to gain access as well.
- PSEO student can talk with Angela to help them navigate their courses.
- Elective courses for Juniors and Seniors will take place in the morning.
- Registration is strictly limited to the class, not the teacher or time the class takes place.
- Kids can alter their schedule once they are registered through the 1<sup>st</sup> week of school 2016.
- It is recommended that this education night be videotaped for those that cannot attend.

### 6. Past Events

- Great Gatherings. Discussion was had about the event being a success. People really seemed to enjoy the piano bar – it was quieter, but a very comfortable evening in all.
- Almost as much was raised at this event as what has been raised in the past.