



VVECHS • CECA • FECHS Advisory Team Meeting Agenda

Friday, November 13, 2020

Microsoft Teams

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

- I. Welcome
- II. EPCC Spring 2021 Updates
- III. Principals' Updates
- IV. Registration
- V. ECHS Blueprint
- VI. Designation Application
- VII. STEMGrow Program Opportunity for Students
- VIII. Other
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Attendees (See attached sign-in sheet)

I. Welcome
Dean Amaya welcomed everyone.

II. EPCC Spring 2021 Updates
EPCC resumed face-to-face instruction yesterday to allow students to complete the semester. The Drop Date has moved to December 7th, December 4th for DCECHS. Ms. Griselda Hermosillo will be sending out an email. Mr. Covey told the team that YISD students would be able to drop college classes, but Central Office needs to figure out how to handle the PIEMs error that occurs when no grade is recorded for the course. The course shows up on the student's record.

Dr. Amaya asked Ms. McNulty if the issue with the Government instructor has been resolved and to follow up with an email.

III. Principals' Updates

VVECHS

VVECHS is currently working on its recruitment process. They are looking to conduct one big general session for the kids virtually. It will be an all-day process speaking to groups of 15 with evening sessions for parents. They thought of making a video, but that would lose the personal touch. Meetings are split between Mr. Covey, Ms. McNulty, and Ms. Widner, with some pending dates.

They are currently working on the redesignation application. Many of the questions are answered in the MOU, but it is not easy to copy-paste the information. They continue to work on it.

VVECHS is figuring out how to determine if a student should drop. Not just asking who wants to drop.

The students in the VVECHS Learning Hub will be tested on Monday. From the initial group to come back to campus, nine students have shown up. Mr. Covey and Ms. Widner are certified to give the COVID-19 test, with results in 15 minutes. Dr. Amaya offered up additional face shields being made from the EPCC Makerspace at VV. Dean Badillo asked if all YISD administrators have been trained to give the test. Yes, all district administrators will be required to test. Mr. Covey described the testing process to the team.

FECHS

Recruiting has started. It will be online. As soon as the online application is available, they will have a Parent Night, accept applications, and complete the lottery. They also continue to get students TSI tested.

CECA

Students are back on campus this week. The campus went from having over 50 students attending class in-person to 13 students consistently showing up. The CECA Administrators are in the process of getting certified to administer the COVID-19 test. Those students that are on campus have been tested. Students are asked not to return if they have not been tested. Testing will continue twice a month. CECA has been given 40 testing kits.

It continues to be a challenge for the teachers to adapt to teaching in class and remotely, even with technology. Since August, they have been working on student engagement, assessment, and emotional/social aspects. Drops have been extremely high. Dr. Martinez is meeting with the freshmen faculty this afternoon. The number of students failing three or more classes is exceptionally high. The grades are exceptionally low as well. The lack of structure has been a significant factor. They are working on setting up the day so that students have structure at home. CECA continues to research and try new things. The goal is not just to get the students to pass. Teachers have been very understanding and willing to experiment. Some things are work, and other things have not shown changes yet. Dr. Martinez and Ms. Hernandez will be meeting to see what can be done with sophomores who have not passed the TSI Reading component.

As for recruitment, the application should be posted on the CECA website this weekend. The online application has been successful in making the process easier. Interviews will be done differently. Instead of Dr. Martinez meeting with each student, a committee will meet with groups of students to discuss the early college model to ensure this is what they want. They will ask the parents to help out more with students' daily structure. It has been put in the agreement. Students' transfers may be revoked if they don't comply. The 9th and 10th grade cohorts are large, which could mean staffing issues next year.

Dr. Amaya asked if they have contacted parents this semester with these issues. They have, but what they have done in the past does not work in the current online environment. Calls to parents have resulted in more stress at home for some cases. The challenge is to get students excited and motivated again.

Dr. Martinez asked if it has been considered to waive the W on records for drops for this year due to the current circumstances. It wouldn't affect the students until they reach college, but it would still affect them. Dr. Amaya will ask at the next Leadership meeting. Dr. Amaya was contacted about Texas Tech waiving their Ws and discussed with Dr. Lachica-Chavez.

- IV. Registration
Registration is going smoothly.

Ms. McNulty – VVECHS has one student who is an art major and has three classes left to take, with two of the classes being a hybrid model. The parent has agreed to let the student take the course. Dr. Amaya updated the team on what was discussed in Leadership. Dr. Serrata will be discussing with all the local ISD Superintendents. Dr. Amaya will ask for an update at the next Leadership Meeting. Dr. Amaya asked Ms. McNulty to send him the exact CRNs to contact the instructor to see if there is an alternative to meeting in-person. Ms. McNulty will get those CRNs to Dr. Amaya today.

V. ECHS Blueprint
No discussion.

VI. Designation Application
Dean Badillo reminded the team of the internal deadline of January 8th for the designation page. If it is ready sooner, please submit it. The application is very similar to last year's, so they will be cutting and pasting much of the information. Please forward Dean Badillo any questions.

VII. STEMGrow Program Opportunity for Students
Prof. Paul Hotchkin now oversees the Biology component of the STEMGrow Program. This program is an excellent opportunity to gain research experience. Please encourage your students to apply.

VIII. Other
Dr. Martinez asked about the status of winter graduation. There has been no discussion on graduation this semester, but any updates will be sent along.

Ms. Widner asked if biology classes will continue to use Labster in the spring semester. For now, it will be used. The lack of communication from Labster continues and has been a big issue. Dr. Amaya asked Ms. Widner to invite him to any future meetings they have with Labster. Ms. Widner thanked the biology professors for working with the students to catch up on missed labs and content.

IX. Next Meeting
The next advisory team meeting will be Friday, January 8th, from 10 AM to 12 PM through Microsoft Teams.

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