
AGENDA

ACADEMIC INFRASTRUCTURE AND STUDENT SUPPORT – BENCHMARK 4 & 5

Date: November 17, 2023
Time: 1:00PM – 3:00PM
Location: South Waco Elementary (P-TECH)

1. Action Planning
 - a. [TSIA Readiness](#)
 - b. Course offerings
 - c. Summer Bridge Program
 - d. Family Outreach
2. Next Steps

Minutes

Academic Infrastructure and Student Support (Benchmarks 4 & 5)

Friday, November 17•1:00 – 3:00pm

Attendees: 11 in attendance and 4 absent

David Hamilton-In attendance

Organizer

Christine Holecek-In attendance

Office-Edit

Dennise Wooden-In attendance

Laura Penney-In attendance

Londa Carriveau-In attendance

Sara Miller-In attendance

Sarah Pedrotti-In Attendance

Shirley Strong-In attendance

Alonzo McAdoo-In attendance

Deanna Calder

deanna.calder@ttu.edu- In attendance

Sterlin Mcgruder-In attendance

Beth Brabham-absent

Denise Bell-absent

Deena Cornblum-absent

Paula Miller-absent

1. Action Planning

a. TSIA Readiness: update on current TSIA offerings. We recently tested students and additional students will be taking dual credit in the spring. We currently have 15 students eligible for dual credit. We broke into groups (Homework Assignment: Sara Miller AVID/Content Coordinator for 8th Grade)

Counseling group

Prepping 8th graders through AVID to take the TSIA, what are we doing to help them prep, what does the test look like, AVID courses support the TSIA

Upward Bound coordination-to see what support they can provide

Teaching students and parents on how to read the deficiency report –Parent education and support groups. Parents need to know what this means

College Bridge (will cost next year) curriculum vs. certificate

College Connect program-Pilot course (enroll student that has not passed the TSIA)

WHS/UHS team-intensive plan, four year plan review for struggling learners

Laura will share notes

David will send notes-MCC/PTECH to tutor students, students tutoring students. Writing is a large issue (learning commons at MCC) AVID as a support class for 8th and FEA, Additional grants and partnerships, local college students becoming mentors to help increase resilience, Summer bridge at summer school. Tutoring/Mentorship (Writing preparation)

b. Course offerings: Adding AVID as a support

Kids are overwhelmed by Pre-AP Bio (Science pathway as a choice) and AP Human Geo do we want to change current Pathway

Test out for world languages

If they are not TSI compliant where do we send our Juniors (College Connect)

Transition Fair (Talk about the P-TECH Room for Presentation)

c. Summer Bridge Program: (HOMEWORK: Shirley and Sterlin schedule)

Bridging 8th graders to college and blend what we are doing with ESC Region 12. Recruitment video, interviews with students, for recruiting, recruitment visits with the campuses, testing, what grade levels that the students will work with, FAFSA and TAFSA, college bridge on a college campus and ensure all students take a baseline test for TSI, bootcamp, activities and pedagogy

Marketing (Homework: risk vs. reward and student responsibilities from Londa)

Melding the programs between comparison programs

Dates

At MCC piggy back over summer school/back to home campus for lunch and then culminating activities afterward June 1 for 4 weeks planning for the future

d. Family Outreach

Parent meetings last year: Advanced Academics

TSIA, Dual Credit, Overview, Transition Fair==sit down with a counselor to get very specific information. Concerns Supports for families to engage with each other

Topics to have parent engagement:

- A. Set up individual meetings with the parents such as a showcase (TAFE) for the students to present their TAFE projects to parents
- B. going over the TSI Reports,
- C. transition meetings for 9th grad and 10th grade students before the end of the year
- D. Develop a PTECH PTO, parental engagement (Homework : Sara Pedrotti Booster Club get with Beth and Lisa)
- E. Create Community Involvement
- F. Parent Leadership and Parent Advocacy
- G. Parent Night before Summer Bridge
- H. Transition to tour Indian Spring before we move

Group 2 discussion notes:

Area of Focus	Project/Work Area	Additional Information/Support Needed	Person(s) Responsible
TSIA	TSIA Tutorial for 8th Grade	Work with Content Coordinators	Sara Miller
	TSIA Intervention Plan for 9-12 Students including resources	MCC Tutorial Materials	David Hamilton and Dennise Wooden
	Investigate Tutors from Area Colleges	Contacts from colleges	David Hamilton
Summer Bridge	Combine R12 and Austin ISD Bridge Plan		Sterlin McGruder and Shirley Strong
	Determine Location	Londa is checking MCC for availability	Sterlin McGruder and Shirley Strong
	Determine Dates	In conjunction with Summer School	Sterlin McGruder and Shirley Strong
Course Offerings	AVID Implementation	Review with Paula Miller	David Hamilton
	Review Pre-AP Science and Social Studies	Review with Content Coordinators	David Hamilton
	Review path for non-TSI Compliant students	Review with Denise	David Hamilton
	Investigate AVANT for Testing out of World Languages	Discuss with Denise on requirements for granting credit	David Hamilton

Family Outreach	Implement, and recruit for, a P-TECH Parent Booster Club	Review guidelines with the Waco ISD Business Office	Sarah Pedrotti
	Schedule nights for students to perform/display/discuss their work/accomplishments such as TAFE	Review South Waco Elementary events that P-TECH students are involved in	Laura Penney
	Create a Marketing Video that showcases the program (long form and short form)	Londa will send "Risk vs Reward" video and "Student Responsibilities" videos to Chris	Christine Holecek
	Schedule one on one meetings with parent/students who are looking to enter the program	Beth has this in process already	Beth Brabham