



Ohio Valley ESC Student Readiness Collaborative

ENGLISH/MATH TEACHER TEAM MEETING

Friday, January 29, 2016

9:00AM – 3:00PM

Minutes

Welcome and Introduction

Project Update:

Stat Oil Grant Award:

- Awarded \$1,500.
- Plan on applying to the Summer Academy for ELA/Math Teachers
 - Still in need of \$22,000 but confident we will get funds

Budget:

- Need \$75,350
 - Includes \$17,280 for substitutes and mileage
- Have \$11,670
- 1st Target
 - \$22,000 for Summer Academy
- Seeking funds from other grant options/simply asking organization to fund the project
- Draft of Budget will be posted on SRC Website

Steering Committee:

- Life Skills Survey
 - Emailed to High Schools first week of February
 - Higher Education – surveys will be sent to those on our teams and to be completed or distributed
 - Superintendents were made aware of survey coming at the Superintendents Meeting on 1/29/16
- Meetings
 - Goals were established at last meeting
 - Asking schools to come in and share their PBIS programs at a future meeting (included in Life Skills Survey)

- Finalizing Plan for Soft Skills and Student Aspiration components (why we need data from survey)
- Next meeting February 26, 2016

Student Cohort Selection Criteria

- Information was displayed roughly on how many students will need to be selected from each school. This number was calculated on the size of the school.
- 180 Students in Cohort
- Select students that have low skill/high aspiration; high skill/low aspiration
- Some students may need the remedial software, some may not; some may need aspiration piece, some may not
- Career Centers & Districts will need to work together to see which students will be submitted to cohort

ACT

- Students that fill out free/reduce waiver will receive free testing – also free test prep database to practice test
- Permitted 2 fee waivers – can use 1 each yr or use 2 in one year
- Students are not considered Juniors until the physical start of the new school year
- ACT reports College Readiness Score shows where students may fall
 - Report shows students who are on cusp & show what they need intervention in
- ACT has practice items:
 - Preparing for ACT books – old tests
 - Sample ACT – retired ACT test – practice tests - \$35 for 25 books (we score it!)
 - Practice ACT - \$16.50
 - ACT scores test
 - Writing can be added
 - 4 Reports given to show results of test
 - www.actstudent.org/sample test
 - retired questions
 - interactive
 - shows better of 4 answers
- Students/Parents can get test and answers back after taking ACT for \$20 – must be signed up to do so with 90 days after signing up to take ACT

Aztec Software

- Can be used on any device at anytime
- Unlimited Student Accounts
 - Only 25 students permitted to use program at once

- No activation
- Simple/Turn key
- Aligns with Common Core/Career & College Readiness Standards
 - 2 Full length practice tests
 - Interactive
 - Drills for skill practice
 - Post test – simulate ACT
 - Gives score towards readiness
- CCSS area of greatest concentrated need
- Lessons to assist in areas identified that need improvement
- Works with Kaplan
 - Videos
 - Interactive coursework
 - Prep books
- Writing prompts/practice
- Print test results w/rubric to work on to improve score
- Administrators:
 - Add users
 - Reports – show progress of what has been done from beginning to present; shows time it took to take tests
- Program will time out after 10-15 minutes of no use
- Live chat available
- Tutorials available
- FREE Preview – 2 weeks

Discussion of Pros/Cons ACT vs. Aztec

- Frontier shared their success with ACT
 - Full yr class
 - Increased score 1.3 points
 - Elective class
 - Thinking of doing 3 days a week next yr during Study Hall period
 - Once students take test, class in pointless
 - Learning as they go – just started this school yr 2015-2016
- Group was in favor of ACT \$16.50 testing thru ACT; but some would like to check out the 2 week free thru Aztec.
- Jeremy reassured money that we have will be plenty to cover the testing of \$16.50

Testing

- Recommend a time frame for testing

- Formal setting for testing – NOT on a Saturday – students will not show
- May leave up to districts how they want to administer the test
 - Need to be in fall/close to beginning of school year
- Those interested in Aztec demo accounts leave not on survey
 - Aztec similar to ACT, pre-test then lessons gathered for areas of concern

Data/Remediation Ideas After Pre-Testing

- Think outside of box of ideas to do with data after pre-test
- How to do remediation for a select group?

Student Selection for Cohort

- Selection can wait until fall
 - Choosing students in class so impact can be made
- No set guidelines for student selection
 - Refer to SRC Portfolio for criteria selection
- Career/Technology schools
 - Another test for tech/career group of students selected for the cohort

Next Meeting:

ELA: May, 13, 2016

Math: May 20, 2016