

Professional Development Committee

September 16, 2015
Room 420

Present: Julie St. Clair, Gillian Clements, Ray Orque, Deirdre McGovern, Rob Hickox, Patrick Lannan, Kristen Moraine, Paul Molinelli, Carole Nickolai, Patrick Ruff, Emily Goodell

Excused: Eric Castro

Guest: Matt Balano

The meeting began with a prayer and welcome to our newest PDC members: Julie St. Clair (Counseling), Emily Goodell (Math), Kristen Moraine (English), and Ray Orque (Language).

Summer Updates

Paul briefly reviewed some of the summer PD activities involving members of our faculty and staff:

1. Summer Grants were awarded for the following projects. (more grant info at <http://www.siprep.org/page.cfm?p=5932>)
 - a. *Literature Reader for English 100/103H* (Kristen Moraine & Elizabeth Purcell)
 - b. *Literature Reader for English 200/203H* (Paul Bourke, Jen Curtin, Dan Vollert, & Katie Peterson)
 - c. *College Counseling Curriculum* (Brice Campoverdi, Kevin Asbra, Julie St. Clair, & Anna Maria Vaccaro)
2. Studying Skillful Teaching – Hosted here last June and attended by 40 Catholic school educators (including 9 from SI). Follow-up sessions were held Sept. 25-26. (more course info at <http://www.siprep.org/page.cfm?p=5920>)
3. Jesuit Schools Network Symposium – Reese Bayze, Deirdre McGovern, and Brian Rhodes represented SI at the University of Scranton, PA. The topic of the Symposium was Cura Personalis in our Jesuit Schools practical ways to animate this concept in our schools. (more Symposium info at <http://www.jesuitschoolsnetwork.org/programs/symposium>)
4. BAWP – “Research & Writing in a Digital World” was offered here August 10-14 and attended by 13 Bay Area educators.
5. Canvas Training – Seamlessly provided by Eric Castro through June, and Jen Gaspar Santos through the present!
6. Summer Tuesdays – An average of 6-7 faculty dropped in regularly through the summer to discuss and plan curriculum or share Canvas tips.

October 15th in-service – Culturally Responsive Teaching

Paul asked the committee to review the in-service agenda (outline below). A small working group has been developing this plan over the summer. The focus will be upon understanding and applying principles of culturally responsive teaching to our school – whether in the classroom, at retreat, or on the field. These principles are derived from equity and inclusion research and align well with the work we’ve already done. These principles will provide the lens by which we can systematically reflect upon work we do and the cultural environments we create.

Agenda

7:45-8:30	Coffee (Commons)
8:30-9:30	Ministry Morning & Breakfast (Commons)
9:30-9:45	Welcome & Overview (Commons)
9:45-10:00	Overview 7 Principles for Culturally Responsive Teaching (CRT)
10:00-10:45	Activity (Whole Campus)
11:00-11:20	Table Groups: Share & Summarize (Commons)
11:20- 12:00	Whole Group: Share key takeaways (Commons)
12:00-12:45	Lunch (table groups)
12:45-2:00	Applying CRT Principles to Our Work
2:00	End

Discussion highlights:

- Committee members liked the general structure of the day and the fact that it will be activity-based and directed toward classroom practice.
- The Committee discussed questions about how to allocate appropriate time for various small-group and whole-group activities.
- The Committee discussed several ways in which our collegial observation process could be effectively adapted to incorporate these CRT principles.
- Matt Balano has asked the Diversity and Inclusion Group (DIG) to also review and provide feedback on this plan as well.
- This feedback has been forwarded to members of the in-service working group, who will finalize the details of this plan.
- Matt or Paul will soon send out to the community some pre-lecture materials, a short reading or video to provide some context for the day.

Equity & Inclusion Updates

- White Privilege Symposium at SI on Saturday, 11/14. Learn more about this special event at <http://bit.ly/1M02O53>, or contact Matt Balano or Paul Molinelli if you're interested in attending.
- Our first Diversity Friday Social will take place on 10/23. For more information about this or other Equity & Inclusion events, check out the website at www.siprep.org/page.cfm?p=9022

Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting: October 28th