

Innovation High School Vista
Parent Advisory Council Meeting
9/8/23 @6:30 PM

1. Introduction of staff- new and old!

2. Student Engagement and School Safety

- a. #1 Priority is to make sure that students are safe AND learning
- b. Two new policies to increase safety and student learning
 - i. No cell - phones @ school
 - 1. Non-traditional setting is still a high school classroom
 - 2. Phones need to be put away but CAN be turned on
 - 3. If student is repeatedly asked to be put their phone away during one appointment then student will be asked to head home for the day
 - ii. Wandering for school safety
- c. Potential of implementing student schedule moving forward
 - i. Based on student enrollment, higher # of students will require individualized appointment times

3. Sports

- a. Sports offered
 - i. Fall (Aug - Oct) - Flag Football 🏈 *current*
 - ii. Winter (Nov - Jan) - Volleyball 🏐
 - iii. Spring (March - May) - Soccer ⚽
- b. Sports open and FREE for all students
- c. No try-outs nor prior experience required
 - i. All students encouraged to play as they can earn elective/PE credits and make friends
- d. Sports physical is REQUIRED in order to play
- e. Practice schedule is varied, but 2x a week with games on Friday
 - i. Practices are at Vista Sport Park
 - ii. Volleyball is at terrace and walkable for school
 - iii. Students need to get to practices on their own, but there is transportation for games
- f. Students receive free swag to keep

4. Dual Enrollment Courses

- a. Students can take college courses concurrently with their high school courses
 - i. Completely online!!!
- b. Partnership is with West Hills College Lemoore in LA
 - i. Still space in some classes
- c. Partnership contact is with Ms. Trone
- d. Excellent way to prepare students for college
- e. Registration Deadline is September 15th

5. CNA Program

- a. New 22 day extensive program to receive certification – completely FREE
- b. Program has a nursing facility in La Fuente – 1 mile away from school
- c. Goal is to offer a spring cohort in March
- d. Students will earn 10 elective credits

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- e. Other facility offerings include numerous certifications such as phlebotomy and nursing assistant certifications

6. Counselor Updates

a. Small groups

- i. Emotional Support Group
 - 1. Boys Group w/ Community Wraparound services, current
 - 2. Girls Group – will be starting soon
- ii. SOURCE – Emotional Wellness Class to be taught soon (Oct 16 to Nov 16)
- iii. College & Career Readiness Class – just started in person
- iv. Sexual Health Class – currently virtual

b. Virtual Workshops

- i. Suicide Prevention Presentation (9/12) – virtual
- ii. Fentanyl Awareness - (10/23)
- iii. Academic Planning Presentation - week 1 of every LP

c. Field Trips

- i. San Diego Continuing Education - 9/14
- ii. CSUM (Cal State San Marcos) - 10/5

d. Senior Events

- i. Senior Breakfast 9/21 10 AM - 12 PM

7. Student Opportunities

a. HOPE Program

- i. Designated space to bring kids to school
 - 1. Have a space but it is not a daycare
- ii. Have parenting classes offered and resources

b. BLAM – Black Leadership Alliance Mentoring

- i. Focused on developing leadership opportunities and celebrating culture
- ii. Inclusive group – all races and ethnicities are welcome

8. Fall Testing

a. NWEA - Reading and Math Exam

- i. Utilized for course placement + to measure academic progress
- ii. Testing will begin Sept 15th
- iii. School requirement but it is not a state exam

9. Important Dates

a. Thanksgiving Break 11/20 - 11/24

- i. School will remain closed after break for one week due to school repairs and students will be required to meet virtually with their teachers during this week

b. Winter Break 12/18 to 1/5

c. Winter Graduation is 1/11 @ Kroc Center

- i. Grad deadline is 12/15