Question & Answers
September 23, 2022

1. When will I receive my 2% off schedule stipend? Your 2% stipend will be on your October 1st paycheck.

2. Where can I find the stipend for Elementary Combo classes? You can find the Elementary Combo class stipend on page 95 in the contract under Elementary School.

3. When was the Edgenuity Curriculum voted on by the Curriculum Committee? The Pilot of Edgenuity was approved by the Curriculum Committee on April 5, 2022.

4. Do sites have to assist in coverage for Preschool? Yes, sites are to assist with coverage for Preschool as the last resort. Staff should not be asked to cover in Preschool on a regular basis.

5. When will I receive payment for attending the PD Training with Dr. Jenna Rufo on July 28, 2022? Payment for the July 28, 2022 PD will be on your October 1st check.

6. Why is it taking so long for school sites to get their programs: PBIS Rewards, Alex, Brain Pop, etc.,? Why weren’t these programs up and running on the first day of school? Approval for the programs required site specific data to determine the justification for the contract renewal. This was communicated to sites in June but they were slow to submit the required information. Brain Pop has not been renewed. Alex and PBIS Rewards was approved by the board on September 7, 2022.

7. Is there a reason why certificated positions and substitute positions aren’t being flown on EDJoin? The district is continually recruiting. They post in cycles so it opens and closes throughout the year when they are screening. Once they acquire their set number of applicants for a position they take the position off of EDJoin to screen and test.
If that batch of applicants don’t meet their needs then they repost the position all over again. They will start to keep the sub application pool open continuously.

8. If I sub in a pm TK class as the teacher on record will I only be compensated for one hour? No, as the teacher on record you will be paid for the one hour for subbing and you will be paid for the additional one hour and fifteen minutes past your regular work day.

9. If I sub in a pm TK class as an aide will I also be compensated for two hours and fifteen minutes? No, if you are subbing as an aide/support staff you will only be paid for the one hour and fifteen minutes past your regular work day. Only when you are subbing as the teacher on record will you receive compensation for the one hour of subbing plus the one hour and fifteen minutes past the regular work day.

10. It appears that many of the elementary classes are back up to the max levels of 32 primary & 34 Intermediate. Are we maintaining our GSA sizes? GSA grades K-3 are monitored by Pilar and we are in compliance. Kinder classes are at 25 so the 1st - 3rd grade class average may be higher.

11. Are we looking at extending the Teacher Mentorship Stipend? Yes, a new MOU was created for this year. The mentorship stipend is 1,000 per semester. Call personnel if you are interested in being a mentor.

12. Can I be mandated to have a meeting or training during my prep period? Yes, for IEP’s, observations and evaluation meetings with admin., parent teacher conferences, to assist with makeup testing for instruction if asked by administration, and trainings agreed upon by (the majority of) your team/colleagues.

13. Is the district still giving me my 10 COVID sick days for the 2022-2023 school year? Yes and no. That coverage is available only until September 30, 2022 and then it expires.
14. As an SDC Preschool teacher do I have to sub and do RPAT during my non-teaching session? Yes, you have to do one or the other but not both on the same day.

15. If I am a Virtual Academy Teacher or a Virtual Independent Study Teacher should I expect to work from home sometime during this 2022-2023 school year since the internet service is still bad and we are overcrowded on campus? Yes, starting Monday, Oct 3rd you will have the option of working on site or from home.

16. What do I do if I am a Virtual Academy Teacher or a Virtual Independent Study Teacher and my home internet connection is not delivering instruction? Contact your admin immediately and let them know you don’t have service. Expect to head to the school site to work. Make sure that you request a “hotspot”.

17. Is the district still doing Strategic Planning or have we moved on to the next newest thing? No, the District has not abandoned Strategic Planning and yes, we will be continuing with this process. There will be training for new admin and training for teachers who have been with the district for two years or less.