

12/09/08

Notes: No formal meeting this month. Information about items from September were obtained through email.

Issue 1. Math and Science Camp

Lisa met with Donna Devine (Faculty with Social Work). Possibilities: Start some type of program here and market to kids within walking distance to KU. Another option is to be part of a program (Freedom Schools, funded through defense fund and Kauffman foundation) which is held in the summer for 6 weeks.

What's been done: Regarding the Freedom Schools: Lisa Van Hoose 11/20/2008 3:09 PM
I have attached the notes from my meeting with Joel re: math/science summer programs. These notes are on the second page of this document.

Issue 2. Is there money for individual departments to recruit and promote diversity? Discuss with Dean and perhaps Ken Davis.

Answers

1. The depts do not have funds allocated for diversity programs.
2. The Dean's office does not allocate specific funds for diversity programs.
3. Ken Davis was working off of an endowment fund which is now exhausted. The Dean finances his efforts through a discretionary fund.

Issue 3. RPAC: Rosedale. At Dykes, M and W there is activities. Tuesday and Thursday is after school tutoring. Mark will monitor to see which direction the program is going.

What's been done: There is a program to help kids from Rosedale which is chaired by Donna Devine. Mark Chertoff has been volunteering time once a week to help the children with homework.

11/06/08

Freedom School – Math and Science Initiative

Met with Joel Goering

Mennonite Church

1444 Southwest Blvd

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Program Design:

The program is 2 yrs old. School offered M-F 8-3pm for 6th weeks. Typically begins the 3rd week of June through July.

Before and after school service is available 7-8am, 3-5:30pm for a fee, Students are either dropped off by parents or walk

Ages: 5-13yo, K-8th grades, Divided into 3 levels, each level broken into grades (ideally) with 10 kids per class

Level 1 K-2nd

Level 2 3-5th

Level 3 6-8th

Servant leader interns – serve as teachers, they are typically future Social workers or teachers. They typically hire a staff of 11. There are ten classes, typically with 1 floater. There will be 6-7 auxillary staff to work in the kitchen, maintenance, or junior interns.

Schedule:

The am is spent in IRC – reading component as mandated by the CDF
Afternoon activities are 1-3pm everyday
1 field trip per week is mandatory and the day varies

KCMO has a partnership which provides math and science daily, but Joel is not aware of the structure.

Expeditionary instruction is the preference

The academic levels vary significantly within levels and grades from gifted to remedial

Population:

Recruitment begins in late Feb with family advocacy fair and also flyers.

They are considering sending welcome back flyers to prior participants. Donna Devines handles the database at RMS with this information.

Registration is first come, first serve. First 100 are split into classes

Proposal:

Use the activity time for math and science, 1 hr 45 min. There are no computers available, but storage available for supplies. Would need 2-3 volunteers per day depending on our curriculum structure. They have 2-3 large rooms which could be used and students could rotate through. Interns(teachers) would assist with students. Would provide 2 days per week for 6 weeks. Volunteers could bring their children with them if age appropriate.

Follow-up

1. Contact Carolyn Booker 816 241 4573 KC Freedom School regarding KCMO program(location, timing, levels, benchmarks), training needs, and background checks.

Left message and email with Ms. Booker re: questions 11/20/08.