

IATA Mentor Program Committee Agenda

2019-2020 Chair: Kelsey Bender

Program Coordinator: Josette Nebeker

1. Old Business:
 - a. Approve last year's minutes
 - b. Appoint someone to take new minutes
2. New Business:
 - a. All mentees have matches - 13 in total
 - i. Make sure all mentors are making contact before school starts
 - b. There is a Google Classroom for new teachers, maintained by Josette and Dr. Wolf
 - c. Texas Mentor Handbook: creating resources
 - i. We would like to create a handbook directed towards mentees, not just mentors
 1. Email to interested teachers - work on a final draft for 2021 IATA conference
 2. Feedback by October 1, draft by January 1
 3. Create a Google Drive for resources, share with Committee
 - d. Communication
 - i. We need to increase communication between the state board and the mentor program director so that we can more easily identify **District Directors are supposed to nominate quality teachers to be mentors—that's what the committee suggested a few years ago - didn't work at all in 2019-2020 so didn't use them as a resource for 2020-2021 Mentor list*
 1. Send out a survey and gauge interest that way (for mentors and for input)
 2. Encourage committee members to reach out to new teachers in their area
 - ii. We also need more feedback from mentees on their mentors and experiences. Ideas?
 1. Another google form? Email/phone call check in?
 2. Ask quantitative questions (how many, how often, etc)
 - e. Professional development
 - i. From U of I (Dr. Wolf) - *2019-2020 mentors who responded they'd like credit have received the form it'll be a free again*
 - f. Teacher Secret Santa
 - i. Just an idea - split up new teacher names and ask each veteran teacher to donate a small teaching-related gift (\$5) to one new teacher. In this way, new teachers interact with other teachers throughout the state and they get a cool toolbox of teacher things. Thoughts?
 1. Send out form on listserve for people to sign up - DONE JN 8/3
 - g. Any other ideas/feedback welcome.
 - i. Curriculum help for new teachers:
 1. ICEV free pilot for new teachers
 2. Provide USB drive loaded with helpful new teacher resources (FFA, curriculum, IATA) (OR add curriculum help stuff to the shared google drive)
 - h. Appoint new Committee Chair for 2020-2021 (Kyle Nesbitt)
 - i. Email minutes to IATA secretary idahoaqteachers@gmail.com (respond with minutes)