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From : "Noe McHone"

To : "Amanda Swartzlander"

Subject : Re: Hidden Figures, Our Future Selves, Coached Paideia Project

My apologies for the delay in getting this info back to you - been busy this summer! We decided on [The Social Me](#) for our intro text and Terry gave us a [lesson plan](#) for it. At our meeting that Friday he also said he would be willing to lead us in a grade level Paideia on the text when we meet on the 14th. We all agreed this would put us in a much better position to lead students in the discussion.

Another idea was to have an additional grade level seminar before school starts just to get more practice in for the newer teachers. We also discussed the possibility of meeting off site from the middle school on the 14th. If you think this would be beneficial just let me know and I will start checking into meeting spaces asap.

Can you think of anything else I need to bird-dog before the 14th?

Hope your summer is going well!

On Wed, Jun 28, 2017 at 2:05 PM, Amanda Swartzlander <amanda.swartzlander@acsgmail.net> wrote:

Good Summer 8th grade team!

I wanted to put some information out into the universe for planning purposes. This is a lot, I know and this is not how we have done pacing in the past- but there are several things falling into place surrounding the grade level reading of [Hidden Figures](#), the ELA project [Our Future Selves](#) through the Americans Who Tell the Truth (AWTTT) project, and a rekindled relationship with the National Paideia Institute.

So, [Hidden Figures](#) will be read at the beginning of school, the Our Future Selves (focused on social activism) project will be completed at the beginning of school- and as we sat in a meeting with Ellie Richards (AWTTT), it began to dawn on us that the connection between the reading, the project and support reading (The Declaration of Human Rights)- lends itself to a inter-disciplinary unit of study, or a Coached Paideia Project.

I met with Dr. Terry Roberts this afternoon and he is excited to be partnered with AMS again and help to train and guide us on the path of Paideia and the Coached Paideia process.

Having said all of that to say, we are going to start the year off with a Coached Paideia project incorporating Hidden Figures, Our Future Selves and the Declaration of Human Rights.

We are asking that you join a training for both Paideia and Our Future Selves on August 14th.

We will allot trade time for this work. At this meeting You will be trained, or retrained on Paideia, receive information about Our Future Selves. Dr. Roberts and Mrs. Richard (AWTTT) will be with us.

In addition to this planning and training- Bree Newsome will visit our school in conjunction with this work on September 29 at 2:00pm.

We are also working on possibly bringing in 2 Freedom Riders to speak with the students about social activism and the necessity of taking a stand against injustices.

Links to info

[Americans Who Tell the Truth](#)

[National Paideia Institute](#)

[Bree Newsome](#)

[Universal Declaration of Human Rights](#)

[Hidden Figures](#)

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Sincerely,

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Thank you,

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