

In Attendance:

Virginia Seefeld (recorder), Debbie Oldaker, Andre Brown, Randy Bernstein, Vicki Parker, Ally Walton, Tim Bjornstad, Stan Paulic, Travis Johnson, Blanche Colson, Mark Rosen, Joshua Hamill, Stephanie Cannon, Ingrid Bodtker (guest), Joel Kuiper (guest), Julie Harvey (guest), Danielle DeGrange (guest), Mary O'Connor (guest), Gwyn O'Connell (guest), Ellen Wang (guest), Tori Butler (guest), Angela Smith (guest), Christian Cardenas (guest), Raul Fletes (guest), Mary Cadwalader (guest).

I) Opening Activities:

A. Visitor's Comments: see Multi-cultural Décor, NETS, AVID

B. Minutes approved unanimously

II) Old Business

C. Dance-a-thon: The Dance-a-thon is scheduled for this Saturday, February 21, 2009. This event will help raise money for the Cardio Center. Participants can pay to compete, or to be a spectator. There will be prizes for the last two people dancing, and other various prizes awarded throughout the event. Prizes include iPod nanos. The person who raises the most money will win an iPod Touch. There will be eight styles of dance instruction provided, some by professional dancers from within the community. Each style of instruction will occur for 15 minutes, which will then be followed by 45 minutes of practice. Ages 12 and up are welcome. The cost is \$15 per person to enter the competition, \$5 to spectator, and free for senior citizens.

D. Multi-cultural Décor/Murals: - Gwyn McConnell has been working with the finalists that were selected for the mural project along with others who expressed interest. A couple of murals ideas are being combined and work will begin soon. Tori Butler and Ellen Wang will be working on a combination of ancient Latin America through modern day Latin America on a wall in the cafeteria. Angela Smith will be working on a combination of MLK, Jr., Malcolm X, and Barack Obama, in the math hallway. Christian will be working on a cross-cultural collage, in the back hallway. Additionally, Gwyn is working on a project with her students to create 150 banners celebrating Oregon's History. The banners will be displayed throughout the school by the end of this year.

III) New Business

E. NETS (National Educational Technology Standards)

Christina Drumm talked about being a member of the TIP Project (Technology Integration Project), which is being sponsored by the district office in an effort to facilitate teachers in integrating more technology in their classrooms and instruction. As part of the TIP project, teachers from across the district are being asked to collaborate on a scope and sequence of content and skills for students based on NETS.

NETS have served as a roadmap since 1998 for improved teaching and learning by educators. ISTE (the International Society for Technology in Education) a nonprofit membership organization, providing leadership and service to improve teaching and learning by advancing effective use of technology in PK-12 classrooms and teacher education. Christina asked teachers to discuss the idea of NETS with their colleagues and ask for input on what technology skills they feel their students should attain while in high school and at

what grade level. Additionally, what kinds of skills do our teachers need going forward (in order to keep up with and facilitate continued learning for their students)?

F. AVID Report – Avid is a worldwide system that has been in operation for two decades. As part of the AVID program, there is a certification system that involves 11 essentials that must be evaluated in order to quantify the programs effectiveness. SEHS has a semi-annual review of these 11 essentials, which provides accountability regarding how well the program is working. There is a building wide AVID team made up of teachers and administrators that have gone to the AVID training. Additionally, there are some teachers that are using some of the AVID strategies.

John Wayland reported that the AVID teachers are currently working on helping students realize the things that will help them be successful in the academic realm (which will hopefully translate to other areas of life). Tutors have been hired to help check student binders, and to work one-on-one with students on specific curriculum and on study habits and time management.

The AVID program was approved by Site Council conditionally and will need to be reapproved as we move forward. There has been \$12000 already raised toward the teaching FTE for 2009-10 school year.

Raul and Mary (current AVID students @ SEHS) spoke briefly about their experience with AVID and both attested that the program has really helped them become more organized and also has given them a new perspective toward their futures which includes college for both of them.

G. Curriculum Committee Proposals-

English Department course proposals (see handouts from January meeting) were sent back to the English department for further clarification. Those new course proposals were re-presented to the Curriculum Committee and approved. They were presented today to Site Council, discussed and approved. A brief overview of the new courses is:

Journalism – immersion reporting, students research something in the community, create several drafts, then final report.

Personal Essay – focuses on how to write a personal essay

Creative writing – helping students learn what creative writing is, means, etc.

Oral communication – semester as opposed to a full year course.

The Big Phat Novel – Gender and literature

Contemporary Literature – How is literature changing

Concerns about the new course offerings were that there were lots of new singleton courses, which includes lots of new preparations, a concern about detracting (the good and the bad), will the kids coming out of the tracked 9 and 10 will they be ready for the non-tracked 11 and 12 classes.

Science proposal –Environmental Science 2A and 2B, discussed, voted on and approved.

Stephanie requested that all new courses should be considering their curriculum have a multicultural lens.

H. School Improvement Plan Randy will put another strategy on the agenda for next month

IV) Principals Report

I. Staffing – Friday, March 6th the administrators will meet at the district office to pick up their staffing plans/budget from George Russell. Randy stated that he is expecting some losses across the board.

Budget – we are 10% down from last year- ASHC not having too much success lately, but they anticipate more attendees as the semester moves forward.

V) Committee Reports

A. Student Government: Student Government is working on the upcoming Pep Assembly. Freshman members just finished the Valentines Dance, the sophomores just finished Val-o-grams, the juniors are working on Prom, and the seniors are planning graduation and senior gifts.

B. Parent Council: Parents were updated on the budget at the last parent meeting. Additionally, there was discussion about having one person coordinate E-script. Parents expressed concerns about LTD cuts in bus routes. There was also discussion about Goodsearch.com. This is a search engine created by someone at the University of Oregon, so that every time you use goodsearch.com as your search engine a penny gets donated to SEHS. Next Parent Council meeting this coming Wednesday, February 25th. The SEHS Care team will be talking about teen suicide and the services available at SEHS and in the community.

C. Set Next Agenda

Evaluation on SIP

SAT Prep Course

Multicultural idea requirement for all new classes

Review of the Process for approving the name placard for the Cardio Center

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 19, 2008, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m.