

Site Council Minutes

April 16, 2009

Virginia Seefeld (recorder), Randy Bernstein, Vicki Parker, Stan Paulic, Travis Johnson, Blanche Colson, Mark Rosen, Joshua Hamill, Stephanie Cannon, Rebecca Kovack, Kathy Saranpa (convener), Pete Hamm, Jane Falls (visitor), Danielle DeGrange, Debra Oldaker.

I. OPENING ACTIVITIES

A. Visitor's Comments = None

B. Minutes approved unanimously

II. OLD BUSINESS

AVID

Randy stated that we need to formally approve continuation of the AVID program. Last year it was approved contingent upon whether the program was working and whether we had funding. The cost for AVID is about \$17000 for the teacher, for the 2009-10 school year we currently have \$16000 and a parent volunteer working on grants.

An overview of this years students shows that at midterms we are down to 3 failing grades, all but one of the current students is planning to continue in AVID next year. The AVID teacher for 9th grade students for next year has been selected.

A motion was made to approve AVID for the 2009-10 school year, voting occurred and the motion was passed.

A concern was raised about funding for future teachers (i.e. post the 2009-10 school year). Randy said that if the data supports it than we will try to continue to raise money to fund it. If AVID proves to be a model that continues to work than funding may take a different priority. Some states have special funding set aside for the AVID program; Oregon is not one of them.

Credit Recovery

Stephanie reported that the credit recovery team met last week, one of the members, Brad New, has worked in Portland and Salem with student retention programs. The team is looking at successful programs across the country. Randy is setting up a meeting with SEHS Administrators, Counselors, and Lane ESD to discuss ideas, strategies for a credit recovery program. There are several models, on line courses, direct instruction, GED programs through community colleges, etc.

SAT Prep Course

Travis reported that Churchill offers SAT prep courses to students for a fee. Sheldon has a 9-week course for .5 language arts credit. Robert Spasato teaches a SAT prep course that consists of 6 sessions over 3 weeks. He said we would take our financially challenged students (one-to-two students per session on scholarship. He said he would prefer having one contact person at South. He teaches 6-8 sessions per year, so he would have spots for 12-14 scholarship kids per year. Travis will do further research and bring back more info to the next meeting.

Multicultural Components for new classes

Stephanie distributed a Modified Course Impact Statement (see handout). The premise of this form is to add a multicultural filter for all new classes. Stephanie sent four questions to Jane Waite (Lane ESD), which she reviewed and revised. She also recommended some changes for the form (see back of form). Stephanie would like to recommend to curriculum committee that this form be modified and updated. Josh recommended that we also address different learning styles (i.e. visual, kinesthetic, etc).

Site council is recommending that this form be sent to Curriculum Committee for review/refining and ask them to come up with a proposal for a new form to be used as a multicultural guideline for new courses.

Process for Naming Facilities for Specific People – Randy put together a procedure (see handout). Site Council voted and approved the form with the noted changes.

III. NEW BUSINESS

School Improvement Plan-Evaluation

Randy distributed a document with information about the Summer Bridge Program – (see handout). This document contained data from 2007, one side and 2008 on the other. The starred items had improved from one year to the next. This data was interpreted, as the students enrolled in the program seem to like the Summer Bridge Program. With regard to Summer Bridge we have met some of the SIP targets and are close to other targets.

Funding: all four high schools had to submit data to the school board in order to make the case for continued funding. The School Board approved continued funding although the amount of funding was reduced. There is ongoing evaluation of how the Summer Bridge kids are performing, both by the on site team and by Director of High School Services, Laurie Moses.

More data was distributed (see handout) regarding the academic performance of SEHS students, overall the population has a GPA of 3.07, and the students enrolled in freshman advisory have an average GPA of 2.7. With regard to the Freshman Advisees, we are on getting close to our SIP targets. Surveys have not yet been given to advisees this year, but the goal is to do this before the end of the year.

With regard to Goal #3, Improved Communication with Middle Schools, there has been more this year than in the past. We have had three meetings this year set up by discipline. Communication with parents has also increased considerably this year. There have been more 8th grade nights than in previous years, which include communications about Summer Bridge, etc.

Professional Development 2009-10

Randy asked that at the next Site Council meeting, current members would propose ideas for professional development for the 2009-10 school year. Randy asked folks that people come back to the next meeting with ideas. Next years professional development time has been cut quite a bit. There will be some professional development during the first week back (before students arrive) and then will followed once per month during Wednesday late starts. Additionally there will be three half days throughout the school year.

IV. PRINCIPALS REPORT

Staffing, April 29 Workshop

Randy said that he is hoping to put back one section of science (i.e. cut 2 sections vs. 3) and maybe one section of math (2 vs. 3). He still hasn't figured out which language section will be cut because he has to wait for forecasting.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Student Government

No students present, however, Stephanie reported that we are having student elections next week. There will be an Art auction Friday, April 17th in cafeteria 7:00 – 8:00. The money collected will be donated to the Red Cross.

Parent Council

Parent council has not met since the last Site Council meeting. There will be a parent council meeting soon, where Mary Pipher from OSLC will be presenting in the SEHS auditorium, the topics will focus on empowerment, and coping with negative images for teen girls.

Set Agenda for May 21, 2009 meeting

Travis – credit recovery update
Re-vote AVID with Student reps
Goal # 3 SIP
Professional Development

Next meeting May 21, 2009

Meeting adjourned at 5:26