

Site Council Minutes

May 21, 2009

Virginia Seefeld (recorder), Randy Bernstein, Stan Paulic, Travis Johnson, Mark Rosen, Joshua Hamill, Stephanie Cannon, Rebecca Kovack, Pete Hamm, Jane Falls (visitor), Ladia Filip, Debra Oldaker, Gregory Dunkin, Tim Bjornstad, Ally Walton, Andre Brown.

I. OPENING ACTIVITIES

A. Visitor's Comments - None

B. Minutes approved unanimously

C. Revote -At the last SC meeting those present voted in favor of the naming policy and the continuation of the AVID program, however, we did not have student representation at the April meeting. A revote was cast and both were approved unanimously.

II. OLD BUSINESS

School Improvement Plan - Review Goal #3, strategy #1 Cultural Competence (see handout). This goal is a bit harder to measure. There have been three cultural competence trainings this year (2 sessions on micro-aggressions). We did not conduct the Tripod survey this year due to funding.

Suggestions for next year are to have more solution oriented focus (i.e. rather than only focusing on what/where the problems are, but more on how to address them). One goal needs to be to recognize that these issues are on-going struggles. Stephanie suggested that multicultural ideas be imbedded in to all that we do and not necessarily be a single line item.

The MSAN class will continue next year. The focus will be on things that we as teachers have control over in our classrooms (racism) as opposed to things we have no control over (socioeconomics). The teacher will focus on helping students become part of the change to the system rather than putting all the energy on teachers making change.

Stephanie mentioned again, that she would like to propose that teachers build a multicultural component in to their curricular goals each year.

The two multicultural murals are mostly done, and another one has been approved.

Our outreach to minority families is ongoing. Of the 28 students involved in AVID for the 2009-10 school year there is a larger percentage of free and reduced, and minority students in the program than there was this year. Next year we will make a Spanish phone line available to parents.

Goal #3, strategy #2- Interdepartmental Communication

A: We would like to keep the opportunity for late start hosted gatherings and possibly promote it more for faculty gatherings and faculty/student gatherings.

B: This was dealt with in Goal #1.

C and D: We will continue on the current path

Goal #3, strategy #3 – Expand opportunities for staff and students to get to know each other and have fun.

A: Thanks to South Fork for providing lunches, faculty lunchroom is available again. It would be nice to promote other opportunities/venues amongst departments, staff, etc.

B: Student unions and student government will help facilitate the planning of special lunches with students.

C and D: Anna Grace has done a nice job in promoting faculty attendance to drama functions. Randy suggested promoting movie nights, student government has already done it, there is a Harry Potter movie showing tomorrow.

Suggestions for future School Improvement Plan additions; one of the parents expressed concern about student perceptions or experience of school (i.e. the pressure cooker aspect) The question for this parent is “what motivates and what de-motivates students”? How do we tap in to motivating without overwhelming? How can we address the pressure cooker feeling for students?

SAT Prep Course

Travis will continue to attempt to reach Sheldon to find out what kind of program they offer to their students. Travis will bring information back to the June meeting.

Randy will let teachers know next year about Mr. Spasatos scholarship offers so that they can help identify potentially eligible students.

Credit Recovery

Stephanie, Randy, and the counselors have met with district office administration and LCC staff about district and site level plans for alternative education and credit recovery.

Salem/Keizer has an on-line program that SEHS is looking in to with regard to offerings.

District 4J is looking very seriously for an on-line program for their alternative education programming. Probably won't be ready for next year, but some schools may be piloting some programs.

III. NEW BUSINESS

Professional Development 2009-10

There are three half days next year, after winter break, after spring break and one in April. We will also continue with late start Wednesdays. A draft of the late start schedule was proposed (see attached). No vote was cast.

Several teachers and Randy expressed a desire to continue with interdepartmental articulation between high schools and vertical articulation with middle schools.

Site Council Membership for -9-10

New students, Grace Whitmore, Graham Cameron, Phoebe Udo, Science department member pending, PE pending, Art, Gwynn, Social Studies, Anna Grace, Classified pending.

Parking

There has been a suggestion to move to zone parking as opposed to specifically assigned spots.

This idea was proposed to student government and was not well received. Their suggestions were to lower the price of parking, they felt that with zone parking IHS students would get the best spots because they start earlier, and that it really sucks to walk too far in the morning, they thought traffic accidents would increase due to students competing for spots, finally they suggested changing to towing on the first violation.

The zone parking idea was discussed, people felt it may be okay to try it for a year, with the understanding that the zones would be broken in to more specific, smaller zones as opposed to east and west parking lots. Teachers wanted to maintain assigned parking spaces for faculty.

IV. PRINCIPALS REPORT

Rebecca Kovack got the ACE award for parent volunteers. Eric Anderson will be leaving South at the end of this school year. He has been offered the position of Principal at Roosevelt Middle School.

Master schedule is continuing, conflict scheduling will occur next Wednesday. Tonight is incoming freshman night. Golf Team is the Oregon 6A champions. The last play of the year is ending this weekend in addition to many of the final concerts.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Student Government

Juniors are planning prom, which is occurring next Saturday, at the McDonald Theater. Student elections occurred today. Spring Fest is scheduled for Friday, June 5. Seniors are planning graduation.

Parent Council

At the last business meeting there was a broad discussion about where Parent Council has been and where it might go in the future. A proposal was made to change the format to more of a committee focus, where committees would work on certain challenges rather than just having a business meeting. There may also be a movement toward having co-chairs rather than one chairperson for this committee.

The next Parent Council meeting, this Wednesday, will focus on where the line is drawn between parenting children and befriending them.

Set Agenda

Next meeting June 11, 2009 (rather than June 18)

Meeting adjourned at 5:28 p.m.