

In Attendance:

Ladia Filip, Virginia Seefeld (recorder), Stan Paulic, Tim Bjornstad, Debra Oldaker, Pete Hamm, Stephanie Cannon, Andre Brown, Randy Bernstein, Kathy Saranpa (convener), Vicki Parker, Ally Walton, Rebecca Kovach, Blanch Colson, Mark Rosen, Juli McGlinsky, Greg Dunkin (guest), Barb Bellamy (guest).

I) Opening Activities:

- A. Visitors – Barb Bellamy, Greg Dunkin
- B. Introductions - Barb Bellamy, Communications Director for 4J, came to ask faculty to remind students who are of voting age to be sure to vote this year. She asked that we remind students not to overlook measure 20-137 which is on the ballot in the upcoming General Election November 4th. This measure renews the current Local Option Levy that last year brought roughly \$14 million to the district (about what it costs to operate 2 of our high schools for one year). The key point was that the tax amounts for homeowners will not increase, but remain the same, this is just a continuation of our current local option.
- C. Approve minutes - minutes approved unanimously

II) Old Business

A. School Improvement Plan

Goal #2, Strategy #1, D: Randy reported that Travis Johnson is meeting with all freshmen who got a progress report at the recent $\frac{1}{4}$ semester grading period. He also stated that a couple of teachers have tracking progress of struggling freshman as one of their personal goals this year. Additionally, Travis and Eric Anderson are creating a scrapbook on each Summer Bridge student. They will compile information regarding these students and have, at a minimum, information from their 9, 18, 27, and 36 week progress reports in each scrapbook. They will be presenting the scrapbooks to the Freshman Team at the upcoming 9-week grading period. At that time, some focus would be given to the Summer Bridge students, using existing funds, for additional help/remediation where needed. There will be a focus on getting help with math and science primarily as these were the two areas where most progress reports were generated. Eric is also putting together a list of all freshmen that did not pass one or more of their 8th grade benchmarks for review and in help identifying possible students with academic risk.

Goal #2, Strategy #3, B-D: Randy stated that he is working with RMS and SBMS principals to set aside some time on January 5th and March 30th.

Goal #3, Strategy #1, C: Stan reported that two members of the Social Studies Department met with Jane Waite, Multi-cultural Curriculum Specialist from Lane ESD, to begin the review/audit of the current social studies curriculum. He said that the teachers involved felt it was a good use of time and that at this point there was no real structure to this evaluative process, however, they felt that they were proceeding to put something new together. Stan reported that the Social Studies Dept feels that there is value in the process. Randy stated that the Social Studies Dept was going to be given a waiver from the January 5th vertical articulation time with middle schools in order to continue working on this process.

Goal #3, Strategy #1, E: Kathy is coordinating the School Décor Committee. Kathy reported that she had met with the décor committee and several ideas had come up, she distributed a handout that outlined their ideas. One family is making two \$500 donations

to help fund two murals, one of which they want dedicated specifically to the math hallway. Several ideas were discussed around murals and who might paint them. There was also discussion regarding multi language signage throughout the school. Blanch suggested there might be preference given to students of color with regard to ideas and/or contributions to murals or multi-cultural artwork. Kathy will continue to work with the committee to develop a process for how artwork and signage might be developed, proposed, approved, etc. She will report back at the next Site Council meeting.

Goal #1, Strategy #2, D: Greg Dunkin brought a document written by Johnny Lake that describes MSAN and EMSAN in 2008. The primary focus of MSAN is the achievement of Black and Latino students. One of the goals is to create a culture within the larger culture for these students to connect and become successful. Greg said that he would be trying to do some parallel work with the AVID program with his MSAN class and also be looking at creating a homework club for students in this class, in the Black Student Union and for any other students of color who have the need. He is hoping that teachers will be willing to volunteer some time after school for the homework club. He said that math and science seem to be the areas of highest need for tutoring. Greg is aiming for putting the homework club or after school tutoring sessions before Winter Break. Randy suggested that additional opportunities for tutors might be peer tutors, university students, parent volunteers, and possibly student teachers that are spending time at SEHS.

- B. Health credit proposal. Ann Hettick was not present so this discussion will be postponed until the next Site Council Meeting. Randy reported that Josh Hamil had told him that two of the IHS teachers were in the process of getting Health certified.
- C. Tripod – Stephanie distributed an activity for Site Council members to participate in. She asked that members use the survey results related to specific SIP strategies to determine next steps, i.e. 1) what does the Tripod survey tell us about present SIP goals/strategies, are we on the right track?, 2) what additional information would be helpful?, 3) what actions might Site Council recommend, based on Tripod information? Site Council members worked in pairs and discussed specific strategies that were identified in the activity.
Rebecca stated that she felt the survey indicated that there was a lot of peer support amongst student body. Stephanie stated that she thought there was a lot of positive information in the survey results and there had been improvement in areas since the last survey. She also said that she thought that goal #3 of our SIP dovetails nicely with the Tripod results, however, our SIP leaves out any specific goals. Stephanie asked that Site Council members brainstorm regarding more specific action plans with regard to SIP goal #3. Stephanie will email members to follow-up with their ideas for more specific goals and/or action plans.

III) Principals Report

Randy reported that there was a Cultural Competence Training that occurred on October 10th, at SEHS, that was conducted by the EEA. He said he felt that it was very positive experience, and he came away with the reminder that the idea is to continually get better.

Enrollment is on target, SEHS was projected to have 1569 students enrolled this year and current enrollment is 1580.

Attendance policy update: CIS has created a report of student absences, which will save SEHS 10-12 staff hours per week. Randy said that each week the staff is following up on about 250 students each Monday with unexcused absences from the previous week,

many of which get excused after Monday slips are delivered. Another 30+ students are “invited” to Saturday school, but this number is reduced after some parents finally call in to excuse student absences. The administrators are already making truancy referrals, which in years past have occurred in March.

Andre suggested that it would be nice if students could get their absence notice slips via teacher as opposed to Michael or Adrian. He said he thought it was a big distraction in class both for students and teachers.

In the November newsletter the new graduation requirements, which include the new essential skills, will be highlighted. This years 9th graders will be required to pass all of their essential skills tests or they will not be allowed to graduate.

IV) Committee Reports

A. Student Government

Andre reported that Clubs are presenting budget proposals. Currently each class is working on the following projects: Freshman – Club Day Celebration, Sophomores – Homecoming, Juniors – Prom, Seniors – Fall Fest.

Team Green and the Senior Party are going to create a separate budget within Student Government so that in the future, there will be more money available for clubs.

B. Parent Council

The next parent informational meeting will focus on “Teenage Boys”. Brandt Stewart will be presenting. There will be an upcoming meeting that will focus on “Teenage Girls”.

More information will be presented regarding E-script, Script and Unique Eugene Script by the new script coordinator Greg Maynard who is a parent of a SEHS freshman this year.

C. Set Next Agenda

Tripod

Health Credit Proposal

Décor Committee report

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 20, 2008, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned 5:25 p.m.