

Site Council Notes
December 17, 2014

In attendance: Gus Peterson, Tia Holliday, Cheryl Henderson, Lu Bridges, Asher Tubman, Eli Cytrynbaum, Pat Avery, Bobbie Willis, Mary Taylor, Else Andrew, Elton Villanueva, Brian Naghski, Juli McGlinski, Stephanie Cannon, Tana Bailey, Danielle Glenzel

I-Opening Activities/Reports

A. Welcome introductions & Visitor Comments: None

B. Faculty President's Report:

The Staff Council has passed a leadership plan. JCAC looked at it and there is some follow up that needs to happen for the plan to be approved. This includes adding details to some of the job descriptions referenced in the plan. Our school faculty participated in a PD session on Equity and Diversity on December 1st.

In the Faculty Council meeting it was mentioned that a two-day schedule for finals would be preferred over a one-day finals schedule. This still needs to be voted on in the Site Council. If this change is approved and if it affects the school start or end times for the day, District Transportation will need to be notified. It was mentioned that the change being proposed would involve taking an instructional day and turning it into a testing day and in this scenario the school start and end times would remain the same.

There was a reminder that course proposals need to come through the Site Council and the applications for them should be submitted in January. New course proposals should have their department's approval or be reviewed by the department prior to submission to the Site Council. It was mentioned that the team might need to allocate a little more time for Site Council meetings when course proposals are being submitted.

C. Student Government Report: The main focus of student government is on planning the Day of Respect. They are organizing speakers and the march. Student government is also doing the toy drive for Toy's for Tot's currently. The canned food drive was successful.

D. Parent Council Report: The parent council is happy that the library is now open on Fridays. (Note: this is due to some additional allocations from the district.) There was discussion about the final exam schedule being one day only. The Parent Council would like to see two days set aside for finals. There was also discussion about a staff member attending the Parent Council and parents showed interest in this being a part of the Leadership Plan. Parents at the meeting also talked about course syllabi and whether or not they are being adjusted to take into account the change in our master schedule.

- E. **Principal's Report:** We are continuing to work on the logistics related to planning the Day of Respect. Our schools admin team needs teachers to turn in their descriptions for the Hot Topic and community sessions by Friday December 19th. Johnny Lake will be the keynote speaker during on the Day of Respect. Student government is trying to get clubs and athletic teams to be able to participate in the parade as units. The Day of Respect will happen on Thursday January 15th. Bobbie Willis and Pat Avery received grants from EEF for their proposals.

II New and Continuing Items

F. Professional Development Schedule Changes: March 13th is now a furlough day. This changes the PD schedule. January 7th is being changed from a DOR planning day and Shelley Berman is coming to talk with staff on this day. January 30th is now a full PD day. We have some options for what to do on this day. These options include; data examination and reflection on SMART goal progress including adjustments to instructional strategies, Equity/Culturally Responsive Instruction, Taking it Up Training, ALICE safety training, suicide prevention training, and professional development around working with students who have autism. Several council members stated that they would be particularly interested in the PD related to suicide prevention. One of the parent council reps asked if information about this topic could be shared with the parent council or at a Parent Education Night.

Another council member mentioned having a PD on the Smarter Balanced Assessment rollout and a Parent Council member mentioned that there would be a training on Smarter Balanced Implementation on January 29th from 12:00-3:00 at the ESS building. It was mentioned that the district will decide on how the SBA will be scheduled by this Friday, December 19th.

III Ongoing Work

G. SIP Work and Debrief: Stephanie handed out a timeline for working on our School Improvement Plan.

*A SC member wanted clarification about whether we are modifying or deleting goals from the plan. It was answered that our work is focused on using the Equity Lens to determine the most effective strategies for achieving the goals. We are not modifying or changing the goals themselves. After some discussion about our process the SC broke into small groups to examine various strategies and goals.

Graduation Rate: This group talked about biases related to why students don't graduate. Some members expressed concern that the current schedule affects relationships between teachers and students.

9th grade attendance: This group talked about how attendance is fundamental to student success and survival in school.

Math Goal: This group talked about introducing SB test questions to math teachers. They wanted to get feedback related to staff familiarity with this assessment.

9th grade credits Goal: This team stated that they like the strategies that allow for individualized supports and solutions.

Reading and Writing: (No team present today)

IV. Closing: Data related questions and requests should be sent to Tia Holliday who is the head of our school's data team.