

SITE TEAM MEETING
Jan. 20, 2016 • 3:45-5:30, ROOM 305

In attendance: Tamera Torrence, Kyle Yamada, Jericho Dunn, Peter Wiebe, Laura Montgomery, Joy Marshall, Pat Avery, Elton Villanueva, Tana Bailey, Asher Tubman, Alex Leve, Jin Kim, Lynette Williams, Sarah Prater, Bobbie Willis, Andy Dey, Mary Sanders, Tia Holliday, Danielle Glenzel, Heather Stein, Mary Taylor, Juli McGlinsky

President: Bobbie Willis

Recorder: Anna Grace

REPORTS

Student Government

Student government is moving ahead with the grad party. StuGov will be responsible for finding out what seniors want in a party, while parent council is looking into logistics and donations. The grad party will be here this year. They are considering having a pool party the night before graduation at Amazon. They are beginning to work on the blood drive that is coming up on 2/12.

Parent Council

Parent council will meet on Tuesday

Principal's Report

Andy noted that we had a wonderful MLK assembly. Thanks to Juli, Tia and all those who helped out. Admin are beginning to look at staffing and budget for next year. Andy asked what the traditional role of site council has been in budgetary issues. Mary brought up that several years ago we did something called budget bash, where departments would submit budget requests, and decisions would be made (this happened at staff council, not site council.) It was clarified that site council has not had a voice in the budget in the past. Andy then said that enrollment is projected to go up, and we may have slightly more FTE. Admin is looking at staffing and scheduling for next year.

NEW ITEMS

Mural

Art club members Julia Chou and Maya Yaropa presented plans for a new mural of a lovely coral reef. There is an old mural in the IHS wing that has been described as “a little creepy,” and there have been complaints about it, as it is right next to the Pathfinder classroom. The art club is suggesting painting their mural over it. We discussed the relative merits of painting over an old mural or painting a plain white wall. We voted to approval the mural, and to look further into the placement of the mural.

New courses and forecasting

Jericho presented, reminding us that Site Team will evaluate new course proposals and existing course modifications next month in anticipation of spring forecasting for 2016-17. She also said that some departments still need to get information in for the curriculum guide.

Bobbie noted that we need to assume that next year we will be on the same schedule. We discussed the process of approving new classes, clarifying that departments need to agree to support a new course. Bobbie said it is important to consider the entire school schedule as we approve new classes. Andy said he would like to have a clear protocol on how courses are approved, so that we are making clear and informed decisions that are in the best interest of our school. Juli discussed the way the old curriculum committee used to vet courses, and we decided to look further into the curriculum committee protocols for approving new courses.

We then discussed our timeline, as departments will need talk over the new courses, and staff council will need to vet them before we can approve them. Staff council will need to receive the course proposals electronically so they can be discussed in department meetings. Sarah proposed that departments meet to discuss new course proposals next Wednesday (4th Wednesday) Tia noted that SmarterBalance training is next Wednesday morning. Jericho suggested that if information was sent out electronically we could discuss it at the staff meeting on Feb 3. It was decided that departments will need to find a time to meet, either in person or electronically and have feedback by the next staff council meeting on February 3. We will then consider Staff council's recommendations and vote electronically.

Jericho said that there are 8th grade parent nights on 2/4 and 2/11. She reminded us that we need to have department representatives there to present.

ONGOING WORK

SIP Group Work

Heather Stein came to present data on our SIP regarding attendance. She has done some research and has learned that some of the record keeping is not ideal. They are looking at changing some of the parameters in how we define and track attendance.

With the less-than-perfect record keeping that we have presently, we are close to meeting our attendance goals for freshmen

She used ADM (the same that the state uses to record attendance) to come up with baseline data for us. ADM looks at excused and unexcused attendance only. Heather said that at this point, we can set our own parameters for our attendance goals.

CLOSING

Set Next Agenda

View data on graduation rates