

Site Council Minutes
December 16, 2015

OPENING ACTIVITIES

Tamara and Asher ran the meeting. We approved the minutes. There were no visitors.

REPORTS

Student Government

They are asking the parent council for help with the grad party. They need a person to head it up and committee members. Tana Bailey has offered to lead the charge on the Graduation party.

Freshmen are working on the Winter formal dance. Sophomores are working on a "Wordul" mural for the senior class. Juniors are working on prom, and have a lot of new apparel in the Axe shop and are manning it now. Seniors are working on a drive in movie.

The food drives was very successful, and Student government is working on planning another for the spring.

Parent Council

Dan Ambrose came and presented information about Celebrate South to parent council. They will prepare a breakfast for the staff on Friday.

ONGOING WORK

We met in SIP work groups to further work on our goals. Then we reported back to the group.

9th grade attendance – It has been helpful for some 9th grade teachers to use the synergy communication tool. They suggested that a brief PD on using this tool could be helpful. This helps open up lines of communication with parents. It was also suggested that if a student's attendance drops below 90 there should be contact with the family.

9th grade credits – There are two areas that discuss collaboration, and keeping students with the same teachers as much as possible where there hasn't been much movement. To address these areas there need to be more buy in from scheduling. They need a little more data to see how far they have moved on other pieces of their goals.

Reading/writing – They discussed project days, and hope that departments are using some of this time to develop performance tasks. Science, math and English departments have all done this. There is a TIG that is working on common reading strategies throughout the year.

Math – No report

Graduation rates – There isn't great data on this topic, particularly in examining which strategies work. Many ideas for graduations rates just aren't possible with the current schedule and staffing. There have been some successes, such as an increase in CTE offerings. We discussed restructuring this goal in the future.

CLOSING

Set Next Agenda

Look at data on school improvement plan

Good of the Order

We are looking at administering the Smarter Balance test. We will return to the model they had with OAKS where they test within the classroom. Students who choose to opt out will have another