

**CATA Site Base Meeting
Feb 17, 2016
Meeting Minutes**

Old Business –

November 2015 meeting minutes were reviewed. There was no discussion or changes. A motion was made by K. McKain to accept the minutes as presented. 2nd by K. Kopchick. Motion carried.

New Business –

Presentation on Globalization – Dr. Tarlton provided information on the goal to achieve the global school banner awarded by UCPS. Review of the rubric shows that there needs to be a globalization festival. The plan is to plan a school wide festival this spring and to seek student and club involvement. There was a motion made by Mr. Wall to plan a globalization festival. 2nd by Ms. Eaton. Motion carried.

No Zero School Policy – Ms. Lawson sought input and discussion from the Site team regarding the No Zero School Policy stemming from a discussion she had with a parent concerned regarding the negative influence of a zero on a student. A discussion was held regarding the differences and pros and cons of a Zero versus a 50 is the lowest grade policy. Staff and parents felt that communication and consistency was key for students, parents and staff. Some staff use a 0 as a place hold when a test has not been taken or work not turned in due to absence and others use a dash. Staff felt that the students know what is expected and that they struggle with giving a student a 50 when they really got a zero. Dr. Fisenne shared that she has read some articles on the pros and cons and will share the articles with the site team members. In addition, she will speak with staff at departmental meetings and encourage a consistency throughout and clear communication on graded to the students and parents via power school, emails, and personal communication with the students.

Math Club Proposal – There are currently 14 students interested in participating and Mr. Hardy is able to serve as the club sponsor. Dr. Fisenne made a motion to approve the Math Club and Ms. Lawson 2nd the motion which carried unanimously.

Suggestions for the County Budget – Dr. Fisenne asked for suggestions that she could bring to the county for budget preparation. The following were made by the committee: Stipend increase; use a step system; Paid mentors; Tuition reimbursement for staff; Praxis Allowance; Coaching Budget increase; Staff salary increase and stipend for higher need schools/priority schools.

Review and discussion of CATA Report Card – Dr. Fisenne provided handouts and a presentation walking the team members through the NC School Report Cards. She walked us through a power point. Handout attached.

All agenda items were discussed. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 4:45 by A. Helms, 2nd by Eaton. Motion Carried and meeting was adjourned.