

WEDDINGTON HIGH SCHOOL
SITE BASED TEAM MEETING
SEPTEMBER 13, 2017 3:10 P.M.

Introductions/New Members – Dr. Jones welcomed to the Site Based Team new members, student representatives, Ajay Kumar and Emma Horne. Dr. Jones encouraged students to share insights and perspective. In attendance: Dr. Jay Jones, Travis Poole, Timothy Higgins, Shana Stewart, Scotti Youngman, Christine Morgan, Debbie Schneider, Jean Snyder, and Torrie Newman.

I. ACT Improvement Goal Setting – Weddington High School currently ranks above the district average. Dr. Jones would like the committee to set a new target goal. Members were given a copy of the ACT College Readiness Letter with a table of five year trends – average ACT scores. Members discussed a reasonable increase and will amend the language in the ACT composite score set to 24.5, which is an increase of .5.

II. Framework to Reduce Referrals and Suspensions – This is a school wide goal. The Board of Education adopted a new code of conduct, reducing the consequences thus making durations of suspensions smaller. Committee members discussed options, looking at reducing number of “out of school suspension” days. Student representatives, Ajay Kumar and Emma Horne, stated their observations with the longer out of school suspension times. They felt students used this (extended days) time to “sleep or watch t.v.” and view it as a “break” from school. The committee also discussed utilizing “in school suspension” vs “out of school suspension”. This would require students to remain in the ISS room, where they are monitored by our ISS Officer. Dr. Jones stated he will discuss with Assistant Principals utilizing the ISS (In School Suspension) more frequently.

III. Mentoring Program for Students at Risk of Not Graduating on Time – The committee discussed steps which can be taken to help with students “at risk” of not graduating on time. Although the number is low, all members agreed that teachers/coaches have the most impact in helping students get back on track and achieve success. Additionally, school counselors track students who fall into this category. Dr. Jones and Dr. Daniels are currently working on setting up a program for incoming freshman in which students will meet one on one with a guidance counselor. The goal is to visit overall social and emotional needs in addition to students course of study and plan for success as a new WHS student.

IV. Attendance Challenge – Deadline passed

V. Drugs and Alcohol - This remains an ongoing challenge for our schools and community. Committee discussed ways to continue to enforce on campus zero tolerance policies, and what is effective. The K-9 police dogs will continue to make unannounced visits to search school lockers and class rooms. Parking lot vehicle spot checks remain in place for the school year. Teachers and staff are asked to please be mindful of any behavior changes in students and report anything suspicious to Assistant Principals. Dr. Jones spoke about the “Talk It Out NC” campaign, which is an initiative that gives parents tools to talking to kids about the dangers of underage drinking. Our focus will be to remain on what is effective on campus.

VI. Dress Code- Changes to the current code will be as follows:

“Pajamas, sleep wear, robes, nightgowns and other like items are prohibited”
Members agreed to remove this from code.

“Shorts, skirts, dresses, etc. must be extended beyond a student’s fingertips when the student is standing up straight. No holes are allowed above the fingertip length.” Members agree to keep this clause.

“Shirts that show cleavage, tummies, or bare backs violate dress code.” Members agree to keep this clause.

“No spaghetti/tank tops with shoulder straps less than 2” wide of 3 fingers”
Members agree to add “no strapless tops” to this clause.

The next Site Based Team Meeting will be held October 11th, 2017 at 3:10 p.m.