

Central Academy of Technology & Arts
SIT Committee Meeting
November 23, 2009

Members Present:

Faculty: Adam Tarlton
Deb Christensen
Deb Cochran
Mike Hardy
Lee Henage

Administration: Rod Miller, Principal

Parents: Adam Dailey
Christa Dailey
Treva Schaffer

Student: Ryan Baucom

Mr. Miller gave out a copy of the School Improvement plan, and he asked all members to look over the plan, and he wants members to be prepared to discuss it at the next meeting. It is up to the committee to implement this.

Ryan Baucom joined the committee as a student representative. We are pleased to have him join us. They are working on a project to put in a student walkway from the parking lot to the back of the building. Ryan and other students from the engineering academy will lay it out so that students will have a say so in the position of their new walk way.

Mr. Miller is looking into getting the softball fixed so that we can have gates to collect money. It will help to improve the school as it will bring in revenue. There is a current vision of two phases that Mr. Miller would like to implement.

Special Projects Plan: Departments have been given an amount of money to spend. We need to make decisions on how we can spend money that is available to spend. We have \$500 for the committee to spend. We will be discussing this today to help us become more marketable.

26% free and reduced lunch. Union County Public Schools is at a 14% for free and reduced lunch. We are considered a Tier II School which means we did not lose the 5% that other schools lost. Any monies left over could be used for technologies.

Mr. Hardy and Mr. Miller went to York County District I and we are now looking into doing a Robotics Team. A lot of these teams are sponsored by Fortune 500 Companies. Team number is 3270. For one regional and a kit of parts costs \$5500, and we won the grant of \$5500 so there is no cost to us. (6 weeks launch= March 25-27=Robotics Competition)

Business partner stepped up and gave \$100 to help upgrade on wheels.

Welcome to Amanda Maske, our new Allied Health Academy Teacher! We are looking to up our numbers in Medical Sciences. This would help alleviate the loss of our Allied Health program in four years.

We had our HSTW visit on November 17, 2009. Five strengths were identified, and then they identified two challenges. Dr. Jones will report on this at a later date.

- (1) A better advisee/advisor program is needed.
- (2) We need to be more data driven.

We need to work on these challenges, but we also need to continue to work on the things that we are doing well.

EOC Teachers have been given effective teaching rates and they have been given a directive to plan for the ideas that they know are going to be tested more heavily on the EOC test.

Ant problem continues! We had a couple entomologists that said we have industrious ants, and there is a huge colony somewhere on the campus.

Calendars: Why are some things not getting on the calendar?

- Communication Errors?
 - Deb puts them on the website as she receives them.
 - Originally the main calendar was for public usage.
- Daily announcements post club announcements.
- Announcements are now scrolling on the television.

How can we spend the \$500 for the SIT Committee?

- Billboards: Adam's Outdoor Advertising
 - Digital Sign: Monroe: \$450 per week (Stallings: \$700 per week)
 - Bulleting Boards: \$750-\$900 per month
 - \$1500-\$2800 per month
 - Poster Boards: \$800-\$1100 per month
- Commercials: News 14 (Union County Zone)
 - 30 second commercial
 - \$35 per time (5am-9am)
 - \$20 per time (5am-midnight)
 - \$600 (Weather on the ones)

Contingency "Go Back" Plan:

- If a student has issues, can they go back to their feeder school?
- This will be based on their academy classes.

Connected by Diversity (April 17, 2010)

How can this committee dive in to help with this?

Tabled Discussion:

- Movie Idea
- News 14 Idea

Next Meeting: December 16 @ 3:45

Respectfully Submitted,

**Adam Tarlton
SIT Committee Secretary**