

SIT Meeting Minutes

1-31-13

Present – Dr. Poole, Teresa Edwards, Wendy Duemmler, Jeff Weis, Laura Hibberd, Shelly Pentecost, Susie Colbath and Deb Christensen.

Calendar

- Open House 2-12-2013, we wait to have open house until the first 10 days of class have passed so schedules are fixed
- Middle School Parent Night 3-26-2013 – invite parents to school to show off what we do here. One night, two sessions. Parents will be in auditorium for 30 minutes and then have a tour of the school.
- Prom 5-4-13 Rolling Hills Country Club
- Senior Week 5-20-13 through 5-24-13, Events each day with picnic on soccer field Thursday.
- Graduation 6-11-2013 (Cabarrus Arena and Event Center 4:30 P.M.) Student led. Top three students are speakers as well as other students. Band will be playing Pomp and Circumstance instead of using a recording. A senior will sing the National Anthem.

Student Registration – online registration beginning in Feb. Each department looks at students to help decide which level class they should be in and then students have options to make adjustments as needed.

Master Schedule – Must be done early since we are switching from NC Wise to PowerSchool, a new platform. PowerSchool will be a multi-function system. One part will be grading system, one for online classes, etc.

- Social Studies 4th course requirement, new for next year. Need to add a teacher to the social studies department.
- Teacher Allotments (Human Resources) – will be conservative this year.
- Phasing out Teacher Prep & Expanding Medical Science Academy – we are not taking teacher prep students for next year. Next year we will have 18 less freshmen but the following year we will get those 18 students back but they will be in additional slots to the medical science academy.
- Study Block – Academic content teachers would like to create some kind of study block during the day to help students get their class work done. Students would circle back to their teachers during this study block period. Students would visit classroom teachers and then clubs could have their meetings during that time as well. Could be a teacher led review period and a student work period.

Special Projects Funding – We are the richest of the poorest counties so we do not receive as much special project funding as some schools. If the system gets bumped up into the next socio-economic class we will have our money cut or eliminated.

Spending Deadline – middle of March. Dr. Poole takes the necessities like paper and copies off the top and then gives each department a pool of money.

High School Accountability Model

EOCs (Algebra I, English II, Biology) – Scores - our scores are through the roof. Scores can be released to teachers soon but not to students.

Algebra II – Plan has been created. Front-load as many students in first semester too so that students who need extra time can get the help they need.

Graduation Rate – we have an excellent graduation rate.

ACT – Plan needs to be created. Need to have plan to address needs to get students prepared for ACT. Counts as 25% of accountability. Plan to provide opportunity to teachers to teach other students in the building, they can be paid at their hourly salary. Put core responsibilities on the core content teachers.

Work Key Assessment – Plan needs to be created. Put the core responsibilities on the CTE teachers. Assesses whether students are prepared for the workforce. Counts as 20%.

Growth – awarded as bonus points (no growth = 0, meets growth = 5, exceeds growth = 10) – Bread and butter for low socio-economic schools but an enemy of high performing schools. Tough for kids who are doing well to show growth. Growth bonus points are added on after the other scores are averaged together and can help raise our level. Schools can be A, B, C, D or F schools. No more school of progress, distinction, etc.

Technology 1:1 Initiative – the school board voted to purchase Google Chrome books for students in grades 6-12 for next year. Teachers will get the Lenovo laptops that were purchased for 9th graders this year.