

**School Improvement Team Meeting Minutes
February 27, 2012**

In Attendance:

Dr. Shaun Poole, Christa Dailey, Deb Christensen, Elaine Holeman, Lisa Eaton, Brad Bunce, Miranda Calandro, Shari Davison. Michelle Tuttle, Dale Ann Plyler and Kamilah Deese

Dr. Poole opened – **medallions** for seniors have been confirmed. Last year, Jostens charged \$9.75/medallion which did not include the clasp or ribbon. New company only charges \$2.27 + tax/shipping and this includes the clasp and the ribbon. Medallion looks the same/same quality as last year. Ribbons will be different colors for each academy as they have been in the past.

8th Grade Parent Nights

Tomorrow night the 1st evening of 8th grade parent nights will be happening. Forest Hills, Sun Valley, Parkwood, and Piedmont will be here – two different sessions will occur with two schools per session. As per parental feedback – parents will be able to go out and explore the buildings -- no formal tour or bell schedule will occur.

6-6:30pm – yearbook made a video to encompass what CATA is all about, the fun stuff (homecoming, athletics, friends, clubs), and each academy was asked to make a video highlighting their academy

6:30-7:30 Parents are free to tour the building

Next group starts at 7pm. In the auditorium

Next 8th grade parent night will happen on March 13th

Advanced ED Accreditation:

New company (no longer SACS) will be doing the school accreditation. Each individual school no longer goes through accreditation on its own – the county does it as a whole

School Improvement Plan must be done by 1st day of school next year. Must wait on all the data from this school year to complete this plan.

There are 5 Standards that we will have to compile artifacts for to create an e-file

Senior Week

Dr. Poole submitted a request for senior week field trip to Carowinds and the trip was denied by the board because it was not related to curriculum. This became a topic at the last High School Principal meeting

All trips to Carowinds are now off the table

We need to come up with a new plan to the senior trip/special day on Friday, and it needs to be tied in with curriculum if the students leave campus

Discussion was held with various ideas, Kamilah Deese provided some feedback (whitewater rafting/zip lines/rope course, Biltmore, Zoo, etc)

Discussion was held re: how to possibly tie Carowinds into curriculum (engineering – building roller coasters, theatre/dance – talking to performers, IT – talking to the people who run lighting or the roller coaster timing of starting/brakes/emergency stops, etc)

Also, discussion of possibly doing Carowinds on a Saturday???

May 25th is the date in mind

Committee was asked to come up with ideas

Dr. Poole will be at a Principal's meeting this Thursday and will talk to other principals to see what they are doing or considering.

Charleston was brought up as an option, including the aquariums

Options are being narrowed by the county due to increasing liability issues

Dr. Poole asked Kamilah to talk to the seniors to come up with ideas. Anything "off campus" must be tied into curriculum. Anything brought onto campus (inflatables, etc) does not have to be tied into curriculum.

Question from parent rep regarding food provided during senior week – Dr. Poole responded that the food would match the activity (i.e. if a movie is provided, popcorn/drinks/candy, if an outdoor picnic is provided, then hamburgers/hotdogs/chips/fries/etc)

Hot water in bathrooms update: by law, the school is only required to provide hot water in the bathrooms which are closest to the cafeteria. Our bathrooms near the cafeteria do not currently have hot water; a work order has been put in to remedy this situation.

Next meeting Monday March 26th.