

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT TEAM MEETING

MARCH 26, 2012

In attendance:

Elaine Holeman, Deb Christensen, Audrey Fowler, Miranda Calandro, Shari Davison , Jennifer Owen, Lisa Eaton, JC Knox (Junior representative), Ms. White, Mrs. Tuttle (sophomore parent rep) and Mrs. Dailey (senior parent rep)

Connected by Diversity – Lisa Eaton

Ms. Eaton commented that she and Ms. Kopchik are the only teachers who have responded to participating in Connected by Diversity for this weekend. Ms. White said that the Dance Academy is doing a performance along with the Theatre Academy. Eaton clarified that in the past, classes from various teachers have shown up at the Connected by Diversity event – from making a mural to having a display etc. Ms. Eaton stated that teachers in the past were expected to participate in the program and she is concerned that no one is participating this year. Ms. White clarified that the program was not presented to the administration in this manner – she was under the impression that CATA was just hosting the event and that multiple schools from around the local cluster were participating in the event. She was unaware that teachers were expected to participate in the event and that this could be done next year. Ms. Eaton said last year the event was packed and that the majority of presenters were CATA teachers. Ms. Christensen said that at least one group from each of the cluster schools is participating this year and that Monroe Booster's club is selling food. Ms. Eaton asked if a second email can be sent out to teachers to make a second request for teachers to participate – Ms. White said yes. Ms. Eaton clarified that teachers/students do not have to be present – global materials can just be displayed in the gym hallway, possibly extended down to the media center. The event will take place Saturday, March 31st 10am-3pm. Mr. Adam Tarlton came back in later in the meeting to clarify that the majority of tables have already been reserved by other schools.

Next Year's Agenda – Elaine Holeman

Tardy Policy – this year's policy is not working – the threat of ISS is not deterring students (esp seniors). They are also playing the system by occasionally skipping 1st block and get marked absent instead of being marked tardy. Suggestion was made to either change ISS to After School Suspension (change Mr. Eiss' position from a full-time all day position to a part-time after-school position) or to Saturday Suspension. Athletic practice or Athletic games or theatre practice would not be an excuse for missing After School Suspension. This would definitely deter them more from the excessive amount of tardies they are accumulating. Also suggested that "x" number of tardies could count as an absence. JC Knox (Jr Student rep) suggested that if seniors earn "x" number of tardies that they would not be allowed to participate in Senior Week Activities.

Dress Code – leggings are a major issue and are not addressed properly in the Dress Code – this needs to be addressed. Careful wording was discussed such as "all pants, shorts, capri's etc. must touch the knee

caps” and “leggings should not be allowed to be worn as pants” or “leggings can only be worn if covered by pants, shorts, capri’s which touch the knee caps”. Possible cleavage solutions: have a collection of t-shirts in the office – students whose parents won’t come bring alternative clothing can have the option of “trading” their inappropriate shirt for a t-shirt. When the t-shirt is returned at the end of the day, they may have their inappropriate shirt returned. Ms. White suggested utilizing Google Docs for the remainder of the year to make a record that a student has been sent to the office for a dress code violation – this way we can track if the student actually goes to the office. Special colored paper passes could be given to the student from the office once they have talked to an administrator.

Graduation Program – Shari Davison

For the last 3 years at graduation, we have had 5 speakers all done by students who auditioned for the honor. We are looking to change this slightly, Dr. Poole has discussed having the top 3 students in the class speak with the other 2 being students who audition for the honor.

NHS President – pledge to the flag

Student Body Present – welcome and greeting

Class President – presentation of class gift

Then 5 speakers (this year, 3 would be the top 3 students and 2 who auditioned)

Graduations in the past have always had a Theme, and the speeches were related to the Theme

SIT committee agreed with the decision to give the top 3 students the option of speaking. 5 total student speakers at graduation – remaining spots would be decided by auditions.

Top 3 student status will be determined at the end of the 2nd 6 weeks of this semester.

Topic for this year’s graduation will be “New Beginnings” (as soon as it is cleared by Dr. Poole).

Rubric for the auditions is being finalized by the English Teachers.

There will probably be two rounds of auditions – one will take place shortly after spring break, the second will take place toward the end of the 2nd 6 weeks of this semester when we will know how many of the top 3 students are interested in speaking.

Next meeting Monday April 30th at 3:45 in media center conference room.

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