

SIT MEETING MINUTES

Monday, April 30, 2012

Members in attendance: Dr. Poole, Deb Christensen, Elaine Holeman, Deb Cochran, Audrey Fowler, Brad Bunce, Jeff Weis, Shari Davison, Adam and Christa Dailey, Deb Watts, Michelle Tuttle and Dale Ann Plyler.

Meeting called to order by Deb Christensen who requested that members please respond and approve the minutes when they are emailed out. Members who hadn't responded via email voiced their approval of last month's minutes.

AdvancEd Accreditation

Dr. Poole stated that he assigned each of the teachers at CATA to a team last month and each team evaluated the school on one of the 5 AdvancEd standards. The teams have been working throughout the past month to evaluate CATA on the data of each standard and have been collecting artifacts for each standard. On Friday during the required workday, the teams met to compile the information and artifacts they had collected and administrators circulated from team to team to answer any questions. Some schools looked at the information for the first time on this workday. We are ahead of schedule as teachers have completed the initial self-evaluation of the school and have begun collecting the required artifacts. Parent, teacher, and student survey results from fall will be added to the information we have begun collecting.

March 2013 will be our on-site evaluation by the AdvancEd team

Senior Week

May 21-24th. The company which is coming in for the big event with inflatables was not available on Friday, so the large event will be held on Thursday.

Monday – breakfast 1st block

Tuesday – 2nd block outdoor activity (kickball, etc. -- movie in auditorium if it is raining)

Wednesday – 4th block Senior yearbook signing party with ice cream and music. At 3:00, underclassmen who ordered yearbooks will join the signing party

Thursday – Miracle Amusement coming 12:00-3:30 (3rd and 4th block), games, inflatables, DJ's. Plan B is 12-3:30 outside (there is no plan B!) (\$2500-\$3000 cost)

Tickets for senior week will be sold for \$20 which will include the week's worth of events. All the food on Thursday is also included in this price, with the exception of items from the "candy cart". Once it is

determined which seniors have not paid, the possible need for assistance with funds will be looked into to assist seniors as needed.

Ms. Cochran asked for clarification on senior week for next year – could changes to the above schedule be made for the seniors next year? Dr. Poole stated that with extra planning early in the year, and fund-raising/money planning that additional activities could be planned.

Graduation

5-7 students will speak, ceremony will be about 1 hour long. Dr. Webb will be our guest superintendent. Seniors will receive 4 tickets free; additional tickets can be purchased for \$5 each. Graduation is open to any other students, family members, church members, friends, etc. No limit on how many tickets they can purchase. Tickets can be purchased at the door for “unexpected visitors”.

Tardy Policy and Dress Code

Dr. Poole talked to faculty the day after our last SIT meeting to get feedback and ideas

Dr Poole requested that SIT members take home the copy of the current tardy policy and dress code and make any suggestions on the policies and to bring those suggestions back to the next SIT meeting. Dr. Poole will be meeting with principals from other local high schools this summer to discuss how they handle these areas and to get additional ideas.

Dr. Poole mentioned how Porter Ridge handles dresses which are too short – students are given a choice of putting on a pair of over-sized sweatpants, spending the day in ISS, or having parents come bring them a change of clothes. With this concept, there is a choice and the problem is addressed.

Budget Question

Parent rep asked if CATA would be adding/losing teachers next year with the new budget. Dr. Poole stated we will be losing Mr. Harris (a temporary one-semester hire who has assisted with Biology this semester) He also stated that CATA will be gaining a computer engineer for the one-to-one laptop initiative. This person will be an in-house IT tech support person. Freshman will come in with laptops in fall of 2012. The 10, 11, 12th grade teachers will get their laptops in January 2013. In the fall of 2013, the rising 11 and 12th grade students will receive their laptops (Rising 9th and 10th graders will already have theirs).

Senior Request

Ms. Holeman mentioned that the seniors have complained that underclassmen are parking in their senior spots. Dr. Poole stated he will have Mr. Pusser look into the situation and help remedy the problem.

AP Testing Days

Ms. Cochran asked for clarification on students taking AP tests and their attendance in classes during the testing days. Ms. Davison stated that it has been explained to the students very clearly that if they are taking an AP test in the afternoon, they must go to school in am, and if they are taking an AP test in the morning, they must go to school in pm unless a parent signs them out. It will be counted as an absence if they are not in attendance.

Next meeting date: Monday, May 21st at 3:45 pm in media center conference room.