

SIT Meeting Minutes

5-30-13

Present – Dr. Poole, Teresa Edwards, Wendy Duemmler, Jeff Weis, Laura Hibberd, Shelly Pentecost, Miranda Calandro, Shari Davidson, Dale Ann Plyler, Susie Colbath, Lisa Eaton and Deb Christensen.

AdvancEd – No school level feedback was given but district feedback was presented.

MSL, EOC, CTE testing – testing next week. MSLs are new. Some classes do not have any state exams. MSLs have to be self-graded within the building and grades entered by 5pm that night. Hired two subs to help cover for classes during MSL grading. For EOCs, MSLs and CTE exams there are no exam review period exemptions but for teacher made exams students can be exempted from exam review.

Graduation – 4pm on June 11th at Cabarrus Arena, band will play, chorus will sing, ROTC will present the colors, student speakers, three of the top four students in the senior class chose not to speak at graduation so we went with students who presented the best speeches

Next year graduation – Cabarrus Arena is no longer going to be an optional venue for graduation. Cabarrus County has reserved the arena for over a week and will prevent UCPS from using the building. CMS has taken up all the Mecklenburg County venues as well. Graduation this year at Cabarrus Arena costs \$6,500. We need a venue that will hold over 2,000 guests as well as graduates and faculty. Jeff Weis mentioned that Lee Park church is building a new sanctuary and it might be able to hold a graduating class. He also mentioned that Stanly County Ag Center has a theater complex.

Senior week – Dr. Poole said it was a success. We are one of the very few schools left that allows students to have a senior week to celebrate their years in school. Students were pulled a little bit each day Monday – Thursday for events. We use Miracle Amusement and have hired them on Thursday since Forest Hills has the company booked for Friday.

Senior week next year – UCPS has ruled out inflatables for next year. We could use the same work next year. Miracle Amusements has carnival games and some mechanical rides that we might be able to use next year. Shelly Penecost said students could work on senior tiles too.

Lottery June 25th – Going to be in the cafeteria. We will accept 20 students less since we are phasing out the teacher academy. In 2014-2015 we will take additional students in the medical academy.

New Principal – Dr. Ellis is interviewing today and tomorrow. The Board of Ed meets Tuesday and they should approve a new principal. Dr. Poole will call an emergency faculty meeting on Wednesday to announce who will be the new principal.

CATA does not have as many issues to deal with as some of the schools. Dr. Poole asks teachers at the end of each year: What is our focus for next year?, What do we need to change?, What are our accomplishments? Teresa Edwards asked Dr. Poole to add the question: What can the PTSO do to support you in the next year?

The school improvement plan is all set for next year since it's a 2 year plan.

Laura Hibberd asked about students showing student growth on MSLs and she was wondering how that was going to be figured. Dr. Poole said that is being postponed. We do have students who are having

tremendous success. Mrs. Pentecost had her first class of AP students, we had a state track champion, a best in show at the Union County Art Show, we won four Blumey Awards out of our thirteen nominations.