

SIT Meeting Minutes - 1.28.15
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1. Welcome

2. Old Business

Approve minutes from November meeting: Lawson motion to approve. Craven second. Minutes approved.

3. New Business

- **Change of Calendar for 2015-16 school year:** We think it is in the best interest of the students to complete 1st semester and exams PRIOR to winter break. CATA School Improvement Team supports the shift in changing the school calendar to begin in early August and end in late May.
- **List of funding priorities for the district:**
 1. Obtain and retain highly qualified teachers (Suresh)
 2. Develop relationships with the business/corporate/industrial/collegiate community in Union County to benefit students (career searches, internships, etc)
 3. There is a void of cultural enrichment through traveling performing groups and guest speakers at the high school level throughout the county. Most elementary and middle school students experience this type of enrichment on a regular basis. Is there anything out there for high schoolers?
 4. Bring more labwork/science technology like the Destiny Lab Bus to high schools county wide.
 5. Update classroom technology - SmartBoards, bandwidth, tablets, integration of technology
- **Staff changes:** We have two vacancies in medical academy and one in the IT academy. The search for replacement staff members is under way and some appropriate candidates have already been identified for all three vacancies. We are in the process of completing paperwork for an interim replacement for our chorus vacancy. Chemistry, Dance, and Social Studies vacancies are both filled for the remainder of the year.

4. Other Business

- Sadie Hawkins dance has been moved to February 21 due to low ticket sales. We hope to promote the dance to get ticket sales UP.
- Draft of CCEP plan will go live on UCPS website soon. It was revealed today.

- Waiting on committee from central office to advise on academies for 2015-16 school year before making application live online.
- Guidance is visiting middle schools to speak with 8th graders about CATA.
- CATA Crawl coming up in March. Parent involvement is welcome.
- Musical has been moved to March 10 and March 12.
- Guest speaker coming February 4 during first block to do presentation on civil rights. Event will be live streamed to CATA and Monroe for all students to see live.

5. Next Meeting Wednesday, February 18