

SIT Meeting Minutes - 4.22.15
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1. Welcome

2. Old Business

- Approval of minutes from March meeting

5. New Business

- **Graduation**

Cords and stoles are worn by students during graduation to recognize academic achievement. Colors have been updated to accommodate duplicates and color conflicts. Stickers have also been ordered to accompany diplomas to recognize academic achievement. New Junior Marshall stoles are being made for us to keep on campus and use year after year. Students are interested in showing NON-academic honors at graduation as well. This can be done with pins this year and the graduation committee will revisit this for next year.

- **Copy Count**

We are over our copy count by 200% at this point in time. Most high schools do not set limits on copies and paper for teachers due to teacher morale. Administrators will pull teachers who have really high copy numbers and discuss the matter with them. Ms. Kopchick offered to teach a training session on paper conservation and efficient use of paper. We will follow up next month after the administrators gather more data.

- **Awards Day - Friday, May 22 at 9am**

The time of the ceremony has been shifted to increase attendance. School would like to consider adding "Academy Awards" and other recognitions to celebrate ALL of the achievements of our senior class. SIT recommends the following infrastructure/consistency for awards and will invite departments and academies to submit names:

ONE senior award in each academy/department

ONE other award in each academy/department

This would amount to a total of 26 awards coming from CATA. Other awards that will be recognized at this event include:

Scholarships

UCPS Academic Excellence Awards

Outside Honors (lots of these)

Athletics (kids who have signed in college)

- **Advisory - see below**

- **Cougar Time - see below**

- **School Improvement Plan Goals**

Goal 1: Increase involvement in student life organizations

Many steps have been made this year to satisfy all three strategies in this goal.

We would like to see more involvement from athletics in the future with community outreach. Mr. Wall has created a survey for SL advisors and student leaders to complete that will help collect helpful data for the SIP.

Goal 2: Meet needs of all students to create optimal learning environment for student success

We made great strides towards meeting this goal this year! We hope to develop **Cougar Time** further to motivate students to use the time even more wisely. **Advisory** is also meeting some needs that were previously unmet and we plan to continue to develop this program next year. The Advisory committee will spearhead this development process.

Goal 3: Formulate and implement PLCs

We have time set aside through the Cougar Time program for faculty members to meet this goal.

Goal 4: Fully implement School Improvement Plan

We are actively developing and editing our School Improvement Plan to meet the changing needs of our learning community through regular meetings of PLCs, the SIT team, and administrative team.

Goal 5: Engage students in learning through instructional strategies that ensure learning expectations

Technology support for both faculty and students has been strong this school year. We have room to grow in the areas of globalization/diversity, curriculum support at the building level, and new teacher support.

6. **Our next meeting is scheduled for May 20 at 3:45**