

Forest Hills High School  
Site Based Meeting Minutes  
February 7, 2011

Members in Attendance:

- Dr. Wanda Little                      Susan Griffin
- Jeff Sholar                              Melissa Howell
- Crystal Bunn                            Glenn Shelton

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Glenn Shelton – Site Based Committee co-president

Review of Old Business

- There was really no old business discussed. Stated that the minutes were posted on line and that we had begun a new semester

New Business

- A. Test Scores and Remediation – Students who did not score at least a level 3 or above were remediated and then retook the test. Even if they passed the class we were still pushing them to make the exit standard. Dr. Little shared testing results with us.
- English I – Last year we were at about 75% meeting the exit standards, this semester it is about 80% - Second semester we have 2 sections of Honors English, we'll have to test OCS, but we expect to show more growth.
  - Algebra I – Last year we were at about 55% meeting the exit standard, this semester we are sitting at about 75%
  - Algebra II – We only tested 54 students this semester, so we expect to see better results second semester. We came in at about 45%.
  - Physical Science and Biology – They have not yet retested so the results were not really accurate.
  - Civics and Economics – Last year were at about 55%, this semester we grew to 62%. We believe that these results will also show more

growth second semester due to the fact that we have added Jennifer Whitley to our staff to teach another section of Civics.

- We looked over some goals that we had set for growth in the School Improvement Plan for the 2010 – 2011 school year. We met our goal of 75% growth in Algebra I and the expected growth for Civics was 63% and we have already come in at 62%.
- B. Exam Slams - We discussed some alternative methods that other counties are using in lieu of exam slams after school. We would continue to have them because we think they are very beneficial, but maybe changing it up to take place during the regular school day, which would help to save on transportation cost.
- C. Homerooms – Beginning in 9<sup>th</sup> grade, students having the same homeroom teacher all the way through high school. We believe this would benefit the students to develop a bond with their homeroom teachers as well as the teacher knowing their student.
- D. Attendance – Policy says now that a student can't miss more than 13 1/2 days in order to be eligible for athletics. Next year, policy will change to taking period attendance. If a student misses more than 52 periods per semester they will not be eligible to play. Really the student could miss 60 periods, because they will be given opportunity to recover 8 periods.
- E. School Board is going to be taking a vote on making it mandatory for student s to take all exams...no exemptions.
- Parent and teacher representatives at the meeting felt this would not be beneficial to our students. We felt that the exempting of non EOC exams gave students incentive to be present in class and to achieve higher grades. We felt it was more important for them to be present in class, than to take one end of the semester test.
  - The School Board will be meeting March 1<sup>st</sup> and discussing this topic and there will be a vote during the April board meeting.
- F. Parent Survey – Jeff Sholar brought the idea before the site base committee of surveying the community (ones that have their children in other schools besides public schools) to find out why they chose to

take their children out of public school. Mr. Sholar hopes to find out their reasons, so that maybe we can address those issues and bring more children back into the public school system particularly in the Forest Hills School District. There is still some fine tuning to be done to the survey before it could be sent out. This will be brought before the site base committee again before anything is ever sent out.

G. Next Meeting – Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in the media center