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Site Based Meeting Minutes

February 10, 2010 6:30pm Media Center

- Introduction – Began 6:35 pm
 - Present – Sam Basden, April Dawkins, Brooke Stegall, Gabriela Grello, Sarah Brandenburg, Libby Meiners, Donna Wilber, Kelly Crowell
 - Absent – Sandra Fugate, Amber Drye, Susan Forgione, Renea Steeb, Dr. Sylvia Emafo, Tom Wheeler, Shannon Dill, Leigh Coulter, Ja’nice Marble, Rebecca Manning, Steve Jackson, Trey Staviski, Hunter Ross

- PRHS Instruction

Updates on Staff – We have a new interim (part-time) security associate, Mr. Brooks Hasty. The full-time position has been re-posted. The following positions became vacant and have already been filled:

 - Exception Children – Susan Faile replaced Amber Drye.
 - Distance Learning Facilitator – Amanda Housand
 - PE – Cathy Hatley completed a 6-week interim and has now moved to Sun Valley Middle. This position is not being filled.
 - Math – David Tucker replaced Tim Stegall.
 - CTE – Justin Cummings moved into the Career Development Coordinator position left open after Joe Payne’s departure. Beth Lingle is replacing Justin in the classroom.

EOC/VOCATS Results – Mr. Basden presented the committee with the results of the first semester EOCs and VOCATs testing. He cautioned the committee that these results are only for first semester. The EOC composition score is 84.1% an increase of almost 11.7 percentage points. He said he felt “guarded optimism” about the results, noting that we need to be above 80% to be a school of distinction.

- Algebra I – 81% (an increase of 11.8 percentage points)
- Algebra II – 90.48% (an increase of 10.1 percentage points)
- Geometry – 90.6% (an increase of 11.4 percentage points)
- Biology – 82.1% (an increase of 21.4 percentage points)
- Physical Science – 81.5% (an increase of 13.2 percentage points)
- English I – 89.2% (an increase of 13.5 percentage points)
- Civics and Economics – 79.5% (an increase of 9.3 percentage points)
- United States History – 76.6% (an increase of 2 percentage points)

In addition, Mr. Basden pointed out that US History and Civics showed less growth because they offered fewer honors level courses in the fall semester. Mr. Basden also shared information about the distribution of the levels of courses offered each semester.

Fall Semester

- Modular/EC courses – 2%
- CP – 72%
- Honors – 26%

Spring Semester

- Modular/EC Courses – 28%
- CP – 50%
- Honors – 22%

Mr. Basden attributed the positive growth to the hard work of all of the EOC teachers and to the re-testing program conducted following the EOC exams. Out of 229 retakes, 71 scored Level III or IV. In addition 137 students received credit for passing the EOC because they scored

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with 1 standard error of a passing grade. The re-testing program significantly increased our Composite Score.

- PRHS Operations

Budget Report – Mr. Basden reported that with the input of the PTO, the Site-based team, and departments, the school named three priorities for our budget requests to the county:

1. Increase or maintain staffing at the current levels – instructional and support staff
2. Campus-wide wireless Internet service
3. Interactive SMART boards and other technology that supports our School Improvement Plan

Mr. Basden also reported that the principals from the Porter Ridge cluster met to make the cluster budget requests and they were remarkable similar to ours:

1. Increase or maintain staffing at the current levels – instructional and support staff
2. Allow flexibility in staffing (school-level decision making)
3. Technology that supports each school's Improvement Plans

- Site Base/CLT

Safety correlate – Two concerns were brought to the CLT from the Safety Correlate and have been referred to the administration for resolution:

1. All faculty and staff members need to be wearing their UCPS identification badges.
2. There is concern about driver's education students wandering the halls during and after driver's education classes.

Mission/Vision Statement – The Site-based team would like to have the mission/vision statement subcommittee present statements for a full faculty vote at the March faculty meeting. The one chosen by the full faculty will then be considered by the Site-based committee at their March meeting.

- Special Programs / Upcoming Events

- Athletics – Indoor Track has four athletes competing at the State meet. Basketball is finishing up its regular season later this week. Swimming had 10 athletes qualify for regionals and one will be traveling to the state competition. Spring sports will begin tryouts on February 15.
- Band – We will once again host All-County Band on February 11 and 12.
- The Musical Theatre program's spring production is *Back to the Eighties*.
- Our drama program is one of nine schools nominated through the Blumenthal Performing Arts center to participate in a three-day trip to New York.
- National Art Honor Society had its induction on February 2.

- New Business

- Conclusion

- Next Meeting, March 9, 2010 at 6:30 pm.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.