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Site Base Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2009 6:30pm Media Center

- The following members were present: Shelia Horne, Sam Basden, Sandra Fugate, Mary Robinson, Dan Korn; Steve Jackson; Renee Steeb, Dr. Emafo; Donna Wilber; Archie Price; Jessica Garner; Brooke Stegall; Libby Meiners
- **NC Teacher of the Year** - Mr. Basden announced Jessica Garner is the NC teacher of the year. A first for Porter Ridge High and UCPS.
- **Site Base**
 - **Correlate Update** – Suggested revisions were announced for the SIP for the fall of 2009. Revisions came from High Achievement and Healthy and Safe Schools correlates. Site Base Members were asked to review the SIP posted on the web site and bring additional suggested revisions to the August 09 meeting.
 - **Vision/Mission/Motto/Core Values** – it was noted that PRHS has a motto and core values but not a Vision or Mission statement. This is something we want to work on next year and it was approved by the Site Base team to form a committee to look and this in the fall and begin the necessary work. Two suggestions were made. First to involve parents and students as well as teachers. Second to make sure the statement represented culture.
 - Vision ? _____
 - Mission ? _____
 - Motto "Where Learning is Personal"
 - Core Values "Rigor, Relevance, and Relationships"
- **Instruction**
 - **Budget**- Mr. Basden pointed out the money is tight and items are being cut. He shared with us that PRHS will probably operate next year with fewer teachers than it has this year. He also noted that our student numbers may not change much next year.
- **Student services**
 - Mr. Basden updated the committee on activities in each of the following categories
 - Band Update
 - Art Update
 - Chorus Update
 - Athletics Update
- **Operations**
 - **Prom** – went very well, the school received a lot of compliments.
 - **Graduation** –will be Sunday June 14th 6:30 pm at Cabarrus Arena. All seniors will travel to the arena to practice on June 2nd.
- **Honor Code Vote** – attached honor code was voted on. Mr. Jackson moved that we accepted the Honor code as written. Ms. Garner seconds the motion. The vote passed to accept the Honor Code as written: (This will be placed in our student handbook for 09-10)

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Do away with the “honor code” as has been discussed this year. Below is my idea for the “honor code.”

Teachers will discuss the policy on cheating and plagiarism (also known as the academic honesty policy) as outlined in the student handbook (currently page 14) in each class at the beginning of each semester. To make students more aware of the effects cheating can have on their academic career in high school as well as in college, the academic honesty policy will be discussed in detail in Freshman Focus and/or in class level assemblies at the beginning of each semester. Once the policy has been discussed with students in their class, students will be required to sign a statement in each class indicating they have been informed of the policy on cheating and plagiarism and acknowledging they will adhere to its guidelines for the duration of the semester in that class. The teacher will keep a copy of the signed statement on file. The statement to be signed is:

“My signature indicates that I have been informed of the policy on cheating and plagiarism at PRHS as outlined on page 14 of the student handbook. My signature also indicates that I will not try to claim someone else’s work as my own on ANY assignment including, but not limited to, class work, homework, tests, quizzes, exams, projects, papers, in this class for the semester.”

A laminated copy of the academic honesty policy from the student handbook (currently page 14) will be displayed in every classroom as a reminder of their commitment to academic excellence.

The academic honesty policy is:

Students will refrain from copying, using, or otherwise claiming work of others to be their own. Students shall not cheat on test/examinations, copy the work of another, or complete any type of academic assignment in a dishonest or deceptive manner. Students shall not forge parents/guardians/teachers signatures or make fraudulent use of official school documents.

Consequences

Students caught violating the academic honesty policy will likely not receive credit for the assignment with additional consequences given at the teacher’s discretion. Forgery, cheating, or plagiarism may result in the removal from honor or recognition based groups on campus (ie. NHS, NEHS, NAHS, etc.) Finally, violations will be referred to administration (which is accompanied by a parent contact) for documentation purposes only so that if a student has multiple offenses he/she may be referred to guidance for counseling on cheating.

- **Conclusion**

- **New Business**

- Mr. Basden announced that the graduation project has been postponed by NCDPI.
- Ms. Garner is going to check on her status as a Site Base member for next year or if she will need a fill in from her department.
- Ms. Fugate will take over as Site Base Chair in the fall.