

## Sun Valley High - Site Based Minutes

Tuesday, November 19, 2013

3:15 pm – Media Center

**Members Present:** Dr. Shaun Poole, Michelle Garrett, Brenda Jacobson, Sandy Sawyer, Carrie Mabry, and Jeff Reynolds

**Sign Project (Permitting)** – The meeting began with an update on the new sign to be placed in front of the school. We have received two quotes; however, the requirements and permits from the city and county are causing a delay. The approximate cost of the sign will be \$17,000-\$20,000. These funds will be provided by contributions from the community and students: Booster Club, Parking Permits, and Prom tickets.

**SVHS School Data** – Individual Score Reports have arrived, and a homeroom will be held tomorrow (11-20-13) to distribute these, along with a letter from Dr. Ellis, to students. The data includes scores in the following content areas: Algebra I, English II, and Biology. According to the accountability reporting, SVHS exceeds expected growth. The Accountability Model includes 5 indicators: Performance Composite (20%), ACT (20%), WorkKeys (20%), 4 year graduation rate (20%), and Math Course Rigor (20%) – the amount of students who take Algebra II and pass the course.

**Wellness Program** – The biggest obstacle will be space. Mr. Cattaneo and Nurse Hoover are in the process of researching grants that will help fund the fitness area.

### Positive Culture

- CFNC – Students have signed up to come to the media center all week to apply for free to various colleges. Counselors are on hand to help students with this process.
- Spartan Shields (incentive program) – faculty members have already begun receiving these tokens, which are then placed in a drawing for a prize (every 2 weeks).
- BizEd – This is a modern "Career Day" for students. Business people are asked to speak to classes about what they do for a living, and the steps they took to acquire their job. There were approximately 15 guest speakers on campus today sharing their professions with students.
- Colleges meeting with students – The Counseling Center has set up dates for Admissions Counselors from various colleges to be on campus to meet with students to review applications and test scores: NC Central University, Campbell University, University of Alabama, Winston-Salem State University, and NC A & T.
- Principal's Breakfast – scheduled in December as an opportunity for teachers to recognize students

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**Closing**

The SIT discussed a continued emphasis on creating a community environment by creating additional student recognition programs and encouraging the student body to participate in events.

- Include Freshman, Sophomores, and Juniors in the college readiness programs organized by the Counseling Center
- Create a college application essay course to help juniors and seniors with writing skills in relation to the SAT and ACT
- Create and implement academic incentive programs – recognizing students every 6 weeks with a reward/incentive
- Talk to the Art department about students painting murals around the school
- Organize a Spirit Club to motivate students and promote athletic and additional extra-curricular school events
- Last year, former graduates of SV (1966) requested that a bronze plaque be placed in the school to honor the memory of Vernon Talmadge Helms, III. Tal graduated from SV with honors and eventually worked for NASA and specifically worked on the space shuttle. This was discussed and approved. Mabry will check with Anderson concerning the contact information in order to proceed.

Next meeting – Tuesday, January 28, 2014