

Site Council Notes
January 22nd, 2014

In attendance: Ingrid Brandt, Alec Bania, Tracey Windom, Virginia Farkas, Elton Villanueva, Brian Naghski, Pat Avery, Sarah Prater, Jeff Paules, Mary Taylor, Juli McGlinsky, Cheryl Henderson, Mike Stasack, Bobbie Willis, Stephanie Cannon, Danielle Glenzel, Stan Paulic, Asher Tubman, Randy Bernstien

I. Opening Activities

A. Welcome & Agenda Review:

B. Visitor Comments: None

II. Ongoing Work

C. New Course Proposal Process: A New or Modified Course Proposal Form was passed out for the site council members to review. South no longer has a curriculum committee and the site council needs to think about and agree on a process for adding new courses or modifying existing ones. Randy stated that it would be good to see some course proposals for classes that could help reach out to students who have alternative needs or interests. It was suggested that it might be a good idea to allow multiple course proposal methods, such as allowing them to come from teachers and departments, and also from the site council itself. One of the members asked whether they could get a handout showing all the classes we are currently offering each term at SEHS. The counseling department or registrar has this information available.

D. SIP 2013-2016: A handout of the SIP goals was passed out. Council members were asked to look at the reading, writing, and math goals and to check for any inaccuracies. There was a question about if other departments besides Math should be responsible for successfully teaching to specific CCSS Math Standards and collaboratively sharing or scoring work samples. No decision was made about this. Member's of the Site Council then broke up into groups to look at the goals related to graduation rates, 9th graders attendance and earning credits, and Health and Wellness, and worked to refine these goal areas.

III New Work

E: Professional Development Plans

Randy proposed a calendar depicting remaining professional development time and topics for this school year. The site council voted and approved the plan.

F. Budget: Our discretionary budget allocation for next year is virtually the same as our budget for this year. It was proposed that Joni and Randy duplicate this year's budget and give each department the same amount of money next year as they got this year. The site council approved the motion.

IV. Reports

G. Student Government: The Winter Formal went well and the student government made a profit on the event. The student body is expressing generally optimistic opinions about how it went. The week of the 27th is kindness week. There are themed days including free hug day and axespreso half off discount day. Juniors are starting to work on prom. The dodge ball tournament was very successful. Friday the faculty plays against the student dodge ball champions at lunch. Any faculty member is welcome to participate.

H. Parent Council: Friday May 9th has been set as the date for the Celebrate South Event. The council has been responding to multiple questions from the parent education night. The parent website will be reactivated in the near future. There were a lot of questions about proficiency grading and Synergy.

I. Principal's Report: January 22nd is the Beyond South night for freshmen. Randy showed the parents who attended how to see attendance information in Synergy's ParentVUE. There was a reminder that teachers need to get their SMART Goals and Self Assessments done soon in order to meet the upcoming deadline. Time in the morning will be arranged for teachers to get assistance if they need it. Administrators had a conversation with the Axeman pageant participants about recent equity issues and it was a productive and positive meeting. Officials at South, North, Churchill, and Sheldon are discussing how to make their respective pageants welcoming and open for all students of both genders. Putt-Putt is open and has over 40 participants.

V. Closing

J. Set Next Agenda

Finish the official Draft for the SIP
Scheduling and course proposal information