

## **Student Improvement Leadership Team**

Tuesday, November 20, 2007

**Members Present:** Mr. Hill, Rob Anderson, Leann Burris, Alicia Fischer, Sherry Augst, Don Myhre, Kip Sackett, Albert McGee and Kris Johnson

### **Approval of 11/06/07 Meeting Minutes**

- A motion was made and approved to accept the minutes from the November 6, 2007 SILT meeting

### **Principal's Update**

- **BST Testing**
  - Announcements will be running with information about the dates and times for the upcoming BST tests.
- **District Retirement**
  - OJH principal Willie Johnson is retiring and Jim Nelson will serve as the interim principal.
- **OALC Media Center**
  - The opening of the new OALC media center has been very positive. Mr. Hill thanked Melissa Glavas for her hard work and planning of special activities for the opening.
- **Blended Learning**
  - Possible relocation of the Blended Learning program to OSH is being considered. Mr. Hill has spoken with Dr. Perdaems, OSH principal, about the idea based on low enrollment in the program at the OALC and a need for 9<sup>th</sup> grade credit recovery options at OSH.
  - If the program is relocated, the mobile laptop computer lab would also be housed at OSH and the .2 Blended Learning allocation that is part of Melissa Glavas' position would be loaned to OSH.
- **Meeting with Lee Dahl, Intermediate District 287 supervisor for the ALC programs**
  - Mr. Hill's meeting with Lee Dahl went well. Opportunities for the OALC to provide I.S. programs to Minneapolis schools on the north side of the district were discussed.
  - The Compass software that is used for the Blended Learning program would be purchased for an I.S. program that would be run under the OALC charter umbrella.
- **New Class – S.O.S. (Supporting Our Super Seniors)**
  - Jeff Westervelt will be piloting a learning lab program 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester for super seniors.

- Fifteen super seniors have been identified for the learning lab program.
- Students will earn an elective credit. The program will include study skills, goal setting, life skills, homework assistance and mentoring. Albert McGee, cultural liaison, will work with Jeff as a mentor.
- Students will be invited to a preview of the program prior to the start of 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester. Participation in the program will be mandatory for the identified students.
- The idea for the program originated with work begun by the PLC group working on strategies to assist super seniors towards achieving their academic and attendance goals.

### **Other: Beowulf Field Trip**

- Mr. Hill presented information from Barbara Ohnmacht, English teacher, on a proposed field trip to see the film *Beowulf*. For specific details see the field trip proposal from Barbara Ohnmacht.
- SILT members support the field trip and the academic tie-in that will be supported through the English classes as well as other curriculum areas.
- Issues that SILT recommended be addressed before plans for the field trip are finalized are:
  - Compensatory funding: Barbara is requesting compensatory funds to pay for transportation and to cover part of the ticket price. How will this impact funds for the Valley Fair Field trip in the spring?
  - Multiple field trips the same week: Alicia Fischer has a P.E. bowling field trip on the calendar for the same week. Will *Beowulf* impact participation in that opportunity if offered the same week?
  - Cost: Will enough students be able to afford the \$9 ticket price to meet the minimum number needed to attend the field trip? Also, how will we handle requests from students who can not afford the field trip?
  - Lunch: How will lunch for the students attending the field trip be handled that day?
- Mr. Hill will share the above issues and questions with Barbara.
- **Update: The field trip is tentatively planned for December 19<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Hill was able to arrange an additional \$2 discount with the movie theater.**

### **Other: Credit Recovery v. Credit Earning**

- This agenda item will be addressed at the next SILT meeting.

**Next SILT Meeting: Tuesday, December 4, 2007**

