

Student Improvement Leadership Team

Tuesday, December 6, 2005

Members Present: James Hill, Rob Alm, Kris Johnson, Mike Sheehan, Rob Anderson, Sherry Augst, Nancy Morrison, Leann Burris and Don Myhre

Guest: Ross Young

Principal's Update

- Ross Young provided an update on the *Christmas Carol* field trip. A total of 13 students will be able to attend. A bus (rather than a van) will be needed for transportation and Ross has been able to negotiate a lower ticket price to off-set the increase in transportation costs. Half of the funding for the field trip will come from the English department compensatory funds and half from the general OALC compensatory fund. Staff responded to the request for chaperones and Ross will draw names. Ross thanked Barb Burlingame for her help with organizing the field trip.

Promoting SIP Goals

- Ideas for promoting the 2005-2006 OALC Site Improvement Plan performance targets were discussed. Suggestions included:
 - Posting the goals where they are visible to the students, staff, and community.
 - Posting the goals in the classrooms in language that is student friendly.
 - Tracking/graphing attendance in individual classrooms and providing incentives for perfect and improved attendance.
- Rob Alm will develop a plan based on the ideas suggested and will present a draft at the January 3rd SILT meeting.
- The district consultant is also working on developing a template for tracking attendance data at the OALC.

Northwest Suburban Grants

- District staff is eligible to apply for NW Suburban conference grants however the grants do not cover hotel costs. Due to budget and equity concerns, the following motion was passed:

- Hotel costs for NW Suburban grants from now on will need to be requested and approved from departmental compensatory funds - not general OALC staff development funds.

Length of Advisory

- A request to consider shortening the advisory time was tabled until a later meeting date. (No changes will be made prior to 3rd trimester.)

Passes -first and last 5 minutes

- Rob Alm and Mike Sheehan will ask staff at the Friday meetings to not allow hallway passes during the first and last 5 minutes of class. The goal is to encourage students to be to class on time and to prevent unnecessary hallway traffic at the end of the class periods.

CROSS field trip

- The CROSS field trip for December 20th is approved. Twenty-five students from the Student Leadership and Diversity groups will be assisting with the holiday gift drive.

Transitions

- Students with 6 or less credits enroll in the transitions course taught by Rob Alm. Rob will help with tracking who is graduating and the suggestion was made to take student pictures and do student exit interviews while students are enrolled in transitions.

Supporting Staff with Challenging Students

- As the student numbers increase at the OALC so do the challenges with student behavior. Discussion about how we as a staff can support each other generated the following list of support resources:
 - BIT position - Rob Alm
 - Asset building initiatives begun at the OALC
 - AM/PM meetings
 - Talking with each other
 - Consistent follow through on referrals
 - Skills for Successful Living class: administration, counselors, cultural liaison and support staff meet students and explain their roles in supporting student success.
 - Police will be called for fights on school grounds
 - Re-examining 80% attendance/credit policy - what is realistic?

Next meeting: December 20, 2005

