

Student Improvement Leadership Team

Tuesday, February 5, 2008

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

Approval of 1/15/08 Meeting Minutes

- A motion was made and approved to accept the minutes from the January 15, 2008 SILT meeting.

Principal's Update:

- **Follow-up on concern from last meeting – students who have gone over 165 minutes and still earn credit:**
 - Mr. Hill is continuing to look into the concern shared by Leann regarding students who have by-passed the appeal process and have earned credit even though they had gone over their time.
 - At this time there is one student from this school year who falls into this category and the data from last year is being looked at.
 - Although the number of students is small it is still an issue that needs to be addressed.
- **Budget Cuts:**
 - Mr. Hill updated SILT on the information he has on the budget cuts. See handout from the district on expenditures by percentage.
 - Mr. Hill and Christian are hoping that the secretary and para support positions allocated for next year can be restructured to best meet the needs of the OALC.
- **Tardies:**
 - Bonnie and Kim have provided administration with feedback on the students that they most frequently find in the hallways and who are consistently late to class.
 - Mr. Hill has asked Albert to speak with these students and inform them that they have an opportunity to improve on their hallway behavior and tardiness. If improvement is not made they will be put on restricted pass beginning the next grading period.
 - The shared staff file has a folder with an updated list of who is on restricted pass.
 - Mr. Hill is considering implementing a daily electronic news bulletin for staff. The e-mail would include information about students on restricted pass.

Morgan Kingstedt – Suggestion for monitoring student computer use:

- Morgan shared her idea for helping monitor computer use. Each computer would have an envelope attached to the side of the computer – students would place a color-coded card in the envelope which would indicate the teacher supervising them at the computer. Each teacher would have a different color – the cards would be laminated and numbered.
- Discussion included: management concerns; enforcement of consequences; and staff buy-in.
- The decision was made to bring-up the idea at a staff meeting and request feedback from staff before any implementation.

Learning Lab:

- The following question was addressed: should students who are demonstrating success in the learning lab class be allowed to drop the class?
- Mr. Hill explained that the expectation is that students will continue until the end of 2nd trimester. Data on student attendance and credits earned will be used to help determine which students would benefit from continuing in the program 3rd trimester.
- Additional discussion included developing criteria and a method for evaluating the success of the program. Concern was also expressed that if the format of the class is more of a structured study hall than a learning lab/skills class, earning credit for the class should be reexamined.

Cell Phones as MP3 Players:

- It was decided after initial discussion of the issue that the ever-changing nature of the technology available to students raises multiple questions and concerns that need to be addressed. The suggestion was made to gather feedback from staff concerning the impact the issue has on the learning environment and to address the issue at the summer SILT meeting in preparation for next school year.

Students being tardy/leaving early:

- Rob asked to address the issue of students being tardy and/or leaving early and taking other students with them. It is a problem that appears to be on the increase.
- Discussion included the lack of consequences for students who do not rack-up enough time to impact their credit status and a need for creative alternatives in dealing with the issue.
- The PLC working on the structured lunch idea will be meeting with Mr. Hill to discuss the areas that have been reworked and Kip brought up the idea of enforcing a "3 tardies equals an absence" policy.
- Mr. Hill recommended addressing this issue further at the next SILT meeting.

Women's History Month:

- Alicia and Albert are looking for ideas for celebrating Women's History Month during March. Albert will be working with students to generate ideas and staff is encouraged to e-mail Albert and Alicia with their ideas.
- Mr. Hill emphasized that he is open to suggestions for how to celebrate diversity that is inclusive of all areas of diversity.

Other:

- The issue of closed vs. open SILT meetings has been raised again. Discussion included: providing a community comment time; the need for closed meeting time to ensure that SILT members are on the same page for consistent communication; and opportunities for involvement that are already available such as notice of agendas and an on-going invitation to present issues/concerns at the SILT meetings.
- The recommendation was made to address the by-laws at the summer SILT meeting and to ask for staff feedback prior to the meeting.

Next meeting: Tuesday, February 19, 2008