

Monday, June 15, 2009

Summer SILT Meeting Day 3 (Saturday School)

Meeting Commenced at 11:40am

Members Present: Alicia Fischer, Don Myhre, Krista Frechette, James Hill, Sherry Augst, Rob Alm, Jim Donovan

Discussion on the potential issues with Saturday School?

- Disconnect – tardies target kids who ARE in school, but the original goal was to work on attendance issues...the kids who are NOT in school. Are we working on the right issue? Maybe we should look at a different way to target tardies. Does it make sense to have a 3 day suspension for missing Saturday school? That's the same consequence as a physical altercation and they don't seem like equal offenses.
- If it doesn't work for increasing the attendance rates, it is possible that it could increase credit earning because the kids who show up to Saturday school will be doing school work while they are there.
- How many tardies should result in Saturday School?
- Is a tardy to 1st hour the same as getting to other classes late? Yes, a tardy is a tardy.
- Late buses in the winter – kids won't get in trouble, but it still disrupts the learning process in the class.
- If we move SSR to 1st hour (to help eliminate disruptions during the lesson portion of the class), a student could argue that they should be allowed to miss more minutes in 1st hour because it is 10 min. longer each day.
- Do we want to die on the mountain for this cause? Is it realistic that our kids can or will come? Are we setting them up for failure? We need to have consequences, but is this the right way to do this? If not this, then what? We need to identify the things that are important to students to use as consequences.
- What do kids value? Electronics, social time.
- Starting smaller will still probably result in Saturday School eventually, it just takes longer to get there.
- What consequences will there be for teachers who don't follow through? James will hold staff accountable.
- What do we do about late buses?
- What do we do about the kids who get here on time, but are outside smoking and them coming late to 1st hour? When they come in, we put them in a "holding tank" until 2nd hour.
- Saturday School to be used as a way to make-up time that a student misses in 1st hour.
- Saturday School could also be used for appeals – more discussion about that later.

What should we be tight on?

- No passes the first 20 min. of class. Protect your pass like you would a purse or cell phone.
- Lock the door when the bell rings.
- Bell to bell instruction.
- Shut down lunchroom (serving breakfast ends at the middle bell).
- Accountability for teachers and students.
- Attendance awards every grading period.

Details

- ESP stationed outside to encourage students to come inside right away.
- 8:47 warning bell – lunchroom gets shut down.
- No passes the 1st 20 min. of hours 1-6.
- Late students will go to large conference room or media for I.S.S. for the hour with no electronics and have to complete a make-up packet for whichever class the student misses (or possibly a time management packet)...in addition to the assignment that they missed. Students will stay all of first hour no matter what, but if the packet isn't done, they have to stay until they finish it. On the packet, staff will write the time the student arrived so that the teacher can still count the late minutes.
- Get it in the handbook.
- Bell to bell instruction by teachers.
- Teachers in hall at warning bell then lock classroom doors at class start bell.
- Complete phone logs – parent contacts for tardies and truants.
- Chronic tardies will result in further disciplinary action. Examples include I.S.S., restricted pass, Saturday School and/or suspension.
- The staff member who monitors the I.S.S. room will call guardian regarding the truancy and will document for tracking in TSIS.
- Students late hours 2-6 will be sent to commons and we will keep a list of repeat offenders for further disciplinary action, and will be escorted back to class by a staff member.
- James will present it to students over the school news/announcements during the first week of school.
- We still have to work on how to incorporate Saturday School. This could be something to work on in a PLC this year.

Meeting adjourned at 1:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,
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