

## **Student Improvement Leadership Team**

Tuesday, June 6th, 2006

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

### **Principal's Update**

- Welcome to new SILT member Ross Young.
- Thank you to all staff for a good school year.
- Staff visibility in the hallways during this last week is important and appreciated.

### **Summer Meeting Date**

- The SILT summer meeting date will be Monday, July 24<sup>th</sup> from 8 -2.

### **Passing Time for Next Year**

- The motion was made and passed to add one minute to the passing time between classes for the next school year. The additional 5 minutes of passing time will be taken from the extra 5 minutes that is currently part of 4<sup>th</sup> hour.

### **Team Leaders/Department Chairs**

- Alicia Fischer asked SILT to consider department chair positions for the next school year. This change would reflect the need to no longer have an AM and PM team leader (due to the change to a 6 period day) and the district's plan to align the OALC more closely with the other senior highs. Department chair positions and compensation would also recognize and support OALC staff involvement at the district level at TAT meetings and with curriculum planning and development.
- Mr. Hill is working with Dr. Maguire on a proposal to have department chair positions. The current team leader positions were originally based on the size of the OALC staff. This means that one outcome might be dividing the current stipend total among department chairs for next year.
- How department chair positions will be assigned will be determined at a later date if the change is approved.
- Next year there will be just an AM meeting for addressing student issues and concerns. Mr. Hill will facilitate the meetings.

### **Appeals**

- How to structure the appeal process for next year is tabled until the summer meeting.

### Sustained Silent Reading Program

- SILT supports continuing the SSR program for next year. There has been positive feedback from students and staff on the value of the program. If staff members have suggestions for how to improve the program, please e-mail Mr. Hill.

### Breakfast Program

- Staff concern about students being late to 1<sup>st</sup> hour class due to the breakfast program being open past the 1<sup>st</sup> hour bell was addressed.
- Discussion included:
  - the need for students to be in class on time
  - the fact that many students do not have breakfast before coming to school
  - that it is a handful of students who are chronic abusers and these students could be easily identified
  - the OALC risks losing the breakfast program if the number of students served falls significantly
  - if the breakfast program closes at a specific time (suggestion – 7:35 a.m.) students will adjust to the change.
  - will teachers still have the option to tell students that they may not eat breakfast in class?
- Mr. Hill will talk with Cindy Rassat to get her input and a final decision will be made at the summer SILT meeting.

### Plans for the First Day of School

- Mr. Hill is currently working with Mr. Donovan on plans for the teacher workshop days as well as the first day of school. He will report on plans at the summer SILT meeting.
- Tentative plans for the workshop days include cultural competency training.
- Concerns over how administrative and student support duties will be covered next year are currently being addressed by the administrative team. **There will be a new building chemical usage referral form for 2006-2007 (not a district wide process change as previously noted in the minutes)** and the OALC will have a .2 student assistance counselor position for next year. The OALC will also have a .5 media position and the career resource center will be developed.

### Decorating the School/Decorating Committee

- Kip Sackett inquired about the possibility of having a decorating committee to help with improving the school aesthetics.
- Discussion included installing more display cases and improved wall surfaces for posting information, art work, etc.
- Mr. Hill will work with Joe Iten on possible ideas.

### **SILT Agenda**

- The request was made to publish the SILT agenda prior to the meetings. Don Myhre will send all staff an e-mail with the agenda before each meeting.

### **Recognition of Graduates**

- SILT discussed how to better recognize graduates for the coming school year. Ideas included:
  - Having an OALC representative at the senior high graduations to handout diplomas to the OALC students (the OALC staff member would act in the same capacity as the school advisors at the graduation ceremonies). Mike Sheehan voiced the concern that most students do not want to be singled out at graduation. Mr. Hill will share this concern with the high school principals and make sure that any possible OALC participation will be consistent at all three graduation ceremonies.
  - Having an OALC graduation ceremony at the end of each trimester.
  - Recognizing the last regular class day for graduating students.
  - Making a “wall of graduates” (in granite☺) a reality – celebrating student success with names and photos.
  - Mr. Hill will send staff an e-mail requesting participation on a student recognition committee.

### **Reminder**

- Please e-mail Leann with material for the student newsletter. If you have pictures and stories to tell about a field trip or classroom activity, she needs your input! Thank you!

**Next SILT Meeting: Monday, July 24<sup>th</sup>.**