

Wednesday, September 16, 2009

SILT Meeting

Meeting Commenced at 8:00am

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

Members Absent: None

Principal's update:

- First week went well!
- New teachers – how are they doing? SILT members have talked to both Chad and Christine and they seem to be doing well and like it here so far!
- STEPS – Jeff and Steve will have a common prep (5th hour). They will call the students down who are brought up in STEPS and they will also call home to parents. They will then refer to HST when necessary. Also, the repeat offenders to the “tardy room” will automatically be referred through STEPS. Jeff and Steve will also use discipline data to facilitate referrals to STEPS. STEPS will be more focused on social/behavior/attendance issues. STEPS will begin once the structure is in place.

School Climate:

- The change in the tardy system seems to be working. Kids are not in the hall as much. First hour is a lot better without as many interruptions of late kids. There are a few repeat offenders, but not as many as expected. James has added staff to the first hour tardy room to make it more successful, especially at the beginning while we are trying to change the student culture.
- We still need to work more on how to handle the swoops that occur from hours 2-6. First time, warn the student, after that, have the student call the parent. If it becomes a chronic issue with a student, Rob will call parent and discuss further disciplinary action.
- We also need to rethink the 4th hour “no passes”. The students with 1st lunch have to sit for a full hour after lunch without the option of a pass. We will consider allowing passes from 1:00 – 1:10.
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SSR – Is the new time working?

- Alicia got feedback from a couple of teachers regarding SSR.
- Some students think SSR gets a little “lost” now that it’s at the end of the hour. Many students just keep working on their class work and choose not to read.
- We still have the interruption of announcements 2nd hour.
- A SILT member suggested moving SSR to 1st hour, then the kids who are tardy could do SSR in the office and be brought to class. This would help get kids more instructional time. Originally, it was scheduled at the end of the hour so students didn’t try to “skip” SSR and then debate about whether or not it counts towards their “minutes”. Another suggestion is to give teachers the flexibility to put SSR

anytime they want during the hour. James will talk to staff at the next staff meeting about allowing the flexibility. **TABLED UNTIL TRI 2**

Future Agenda Items:

- Testing

Meeting adjourned at

Respectfully submitted,
Krista M. Frechette