

Student Improvement Leadership Team

Tuesday, September 18, 2007

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

Principal's Update

- Welcome to new member Kip Sackett.
- The OALC Levy Team attended a District training session on September 17th. School Board member Lin Myszkowski was seated with the team – she sent Mr. Hill an e-mail expressing positive support for the team's enthusiasm and for the good questions posed by members at the training.
- Dick Rainville will speak to the OALC staff about the levy at the staff meeting on September 26th. The focus of the meeting will be the levy.
- Don Myhre has posted a link to the District levy information on the OALC website.
- Commissioner Seagren will be visiting Patrick Bass' JMNG classes on Monday, September 24th. The OALC JMNG program is one of two programs that she will be visiting.
- Mr. Hill forwarded the site collaboration team goals, sent to him by Nick Pocius (PLC facilitator), to Jon Lund (OALC ATPPS Coach). Jon will provide feedback on the goals in relationship to the ATPPS process.

Site Improvement Plan Approval

- SILT approved the goals outlined in the Site Improvement Plan draft. The SIP goals and objectives remain the same as we are still in the 3 year cycle for the following goals: **See SIP for specific details.**
 - Goal #1: Improve reading scores (BST/MCA's) by 3% – year 3.
 - Goal #2: Increase student attendance by 2% – year 3.
 - Goal #3: Increase opportunities for cultural diversity and enrichment – year 2.
- The recommendation was made and accepted to base the increase in attendance on the AYP formula rather than OALC internal data.
- The number of cultural diversity and enrichment opportunities was left open-ended in the following categories: classroom, all-school, and staff.

Calling Home vs. E-mail

- Clarification of the decision made at the summer SILT meeting (regarding contacting parents/guardians if a student is in danger of failing) was requested. The notes from the July meeting indicated that a phone call or e-mail was acceptable. However, since the policy was explained prior to the beginning of the school year, there has been a question as to whether or not e-mail communication is allowed.
- Mr. Hill's understanding of the earlier decision was that phone calling was the method of contact established at the summer SILT meeting. He explained his position on the decision and strong belief that phone contact

will strengthen our relationship with parents/guardians and support student success.

- Alicia Fischer made a proposal: make phone contact with parents/guardians if the student is falling behind in work – use the automated system to contact parents/guardians about attendance.
- The opportunity was provided for SILT members (Kip Sackett was not present during this portion of the meeting) to share their opinions, concerns, and suggestions regarding the policy. The discussion included: difficulty in reaching parents by phone; positive experiences developing e-mail contact with parents; feedback given to SILT members from OALC staff members; and the impact of the issue on the various stakeholders and school climate.
- After listening to the concerns and feedback, Mr. Hill made the following amendment to the policy which was supported by the SILT members:
 - The first 2/3 week grading periods or the first 6 weeks of school it is requested that phone calls to the parent/guardians be made when a student is not attending, facing possible credit loss due to attendance, or potentially not earning credit, etc.
 - After the first six weeks email contact with the parent/guardian can be established as a means of communication, however if there is not response via email then a phone call is required and expected.
 - Contact logs are still expected at the end of each 3 week grading period.

School Climate

- The impact of the upcoming levy and the multiple stressors that are part of daily life in education were acknowledged in regards to school climate. Mr. Hill asked SILT members to provide positive and uplifting leadership as we go forward into the 2007-2008 school year.

Next SILT meeting: October 2, 2007