

Student Improvement Leadership Team

Tuesday, September 4, 2007

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

Meeting Expectations

- SILT members agreed that the meetings will be held from 2:10 – 2:50 p.m. and begin on time.
- SILT members agreed to fulfill their responsibilities as members of the OALC SILT Team.

Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary Election

- Elections were held for the following positions:
 - Chairperson: Don Myhre
 - Vice Chairperson: Alicia Fischer
 - Secretary: Kris Johnson

SILT Special Election to Replace Ross Young

- A special election will be held to fill Ross Young's seat on SILT. Ross is currently on leave for first and second trimesters.
- The term will be for the remainder of the school year.
- Rob Anderson will e-mail staff with a timeline of the election process.

Principal's Update

- This year math will be an important focus in continuing to strive towards our AYP goals. Mr. Hill expressed pride in the team collaboration that is happening in the OALC math department.
- The child care program is at capacity (16 children). Concern: will we lose students who need the child care but are unable to enroll their child because we are at capacity?
- OALC students who choose to complete the permission slip needed to participate in a survey sponsored by District 287 and Hennepin County will receive a \$5 Target gift certificate when they have returned their signed permission slip. In addition the OALC will receive \$2,000 for agreeing to participate in the survey. This donation will go towards the compensatory budget.

STEPS Implementation

- Donna Harrison will facilitate the first STEPS meeting and will explain the process. She will also be helping with the STEPS documentation.
- A job description has been created for the STEPS co-facilitator positions (replaces the team leader positions). James will be e-mailing the description to staff prior to Friday's (9/7) meeting.
- The plan is for the STEPS and collaboration time to alternate weekly. However, the schedule will stay flexible. Example: If there are no student

concerns for the STEPS process on a given day, time will be given instead to the collaboration process. Staff should know what the agenda will be 2 days prior to the scheduled Friday meeting.

- Mr. Hill asked people to be patient and positive as we work through the new process.

Site Improvement Plan Goals

- Krista Frechette raised a question about the SIP goal related to BST scores. She asked if the goal should be modified to reflect the change to MCA scores.
- Robert Anderson and Mr. Hill met this summer to discuss the SIP goals and addressed this concern. Data will need to be calculated to determine where the bar will be set for increasing the MCA test scores.
- The MCA testing goal fits well with the current 2-3-5 plan and we will continue to focus on helping the remaining BST students successfully complete their testing. We are in the 3rd year of our SIP goals.
- Additional question: Does the cultural diversity goal fit the SMART goal model? Do we need to make the goal more specific and how do we measure it?
- Mr. Hill explained that only one of the 3 SIP goals needs to be data driven as part of the ATPPS objectives. Alicia Fischer suggested that we set a minimum goal (for the number of cultural diversity activities provided this year) so that we will know if we accomplished the goal. Rob Anderson, Don Myhre and Mr. Hill will work on this and present the SIP draft at the next SILT meeting.

Levy

- The OALC has a levy team chaired by Barbara Ohnmacht. The team is working to help get information out to the community on the levy questions. The team will take part in a district training session sometime in September.
- Barbara has brought up concerns about the confusing language used in the district levy campaign literature. Barbara will be contacting Lisa Hunter Jensen with the questions about this.
- Leann Burris asked if there are signs that residents can post in their yards. Mr. Hill will get the name of the contact person at the Vote "Yes" Committee.

Other

- No other agenda items.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 18, 2007