

SIT Meeting
January 14, 2014
Room 504, 3:15-4:15 p.m.

Present: Emily Gill, Teresa Edwards, Gerald Parker, Kim Moffatt, Jack Evans, Greg McFee, Cyndi Mackiernan, Jean Blackburn, Mike Rowe, Jordan English, Samantha Sircey

A. Cheating policy

1. From our last discussion, it sounds like we do not want to change the school's policy, but we might want to clarify it in light of new gadgets and curriculum expectations.

*How can we change the language of the policy in the student handbook?

*How can we begin to advertise the cheating policy and how it's changed?

*Printed and posted in classrooms?

SIT team decided to focus on educating teachers and students about cheating, not revising policy. In the coming semester, we will refocus and/or clarify with faculty regarding the policy and follow up! Policy needs to be more advertised rather than changed. We will put a bigger focus on behavior change!

Re-emphasizing the cheating policy:

The handbook reads as follows:

Students are expected to do their own work.

Cheating includes both providing work to another or accepting that which is not your own.

Plagiarism/Cheating will result in disciplinary action by the classroom teacher and/or administration.

Standard consequences for cheating include a grade of "O" on the assignment and a referral.

Faculty meeting (1-23-14) talking points:

-We are experiencing more frequent incidents of cheating at NBHS – everything from NC Final exams to teacher-made exams to homework

-SIT has decided to reemphasize the cheating policy for second semester

-Cheating is often hard to define. You should spend some time in the first day or two of classes second semester explaining to students WHAT cheating looks like in your classes. Is it copying homework? Plagiarism? Taking pictures of tests with your phone and sending it to eight of your best friends?

-Explain to classes the consequences for cheating

-zero for test or other work

-phone call from teacher to parent

-referral to administration (ISS or OSS)

-Be ready for a letter to go out with first period

-The letter for cheating will also be attached to all progress reports

Emily will write a paragraph on cheating so that faculty can attach it to the second semester syllabus.

Next meeting: January 28, 2014

1. Work session for midyear report

2. Assess progress of re-emphasis on cheating. When do we plan to look at the issue again in preparation for next year? Rewrite the policy for next year's handbook? Create an advertising campaign to educate our public?