

School Improvement Team Meeting November 19, 2013

Present: Emily Gill, Teresa Edwards, Greg McFee, Ricky Webb, Cyndi Mackiernan, Sheryl Heninger, Curtis Cagle, Jenny Davis, Gerald Parker, Jack Evans, Kim Moffatt, Natalie Ball (FFA student rep), Terri Wilson, Samantha Sircy, Coleman Smart (student council rep), Dawn Williams

I. For this meeting: SIT members were to go to departments and check list of committees. Also, solicit information about how committees could possibly be restructured.

Questions/comments from departments regarding restructuring committees:

1. MTAC meetings? When?
2. McFee – hard for coaches to be on other committees due to sports commitments
3. Graduation Project – emphasis is spread around so that all faculty share the duty
4. HQ committee – Mr. Evans has spoken with retiring and new members; all is settled. It will be separate from PBIS
5. PBIS –Mr. Evans and Ms. Herrick are in agreement with combining Renaissance and PALS with PBIS
6. Are Key Club, Black Hawk Crossing, Black Hawks for Christ, FCA operational? Gerald and Teresa to follow up with these
7. Professional Development Committee – not meeting since Ms. Sircy has been here. Do we need to reactivate? Who needs to be on this committee with what responsibilities? This year the PLC leadership team helped develop the Professional Development for this school year. Ask departments about this opportunity; this would be about 1 ½ day commitment for planning.

II. From Science: “After several of us have caught students cheating, we would like to bring up the idea and discuss with SIT the possibility of creating a ‘code of ethics’ that enhances the description/consequences in the student handbook, etc., perhaps in the form of a mission statement that teachers can post in their room”

Sheryl began the discussion –

There is a policy in the handbook, but there is a lot of cheating that is going on here at school. Even though teachers have their own system, can we add something such as policy/consequences/HQ lessons, etc., in order to address this ethical issue?

Should we change the explanation/emphasis of cheating that is currently in the handbook.

Cheating and its definition needs to be taught in HQ.

Students are cheating more, teachers are unclear how to handle it - we need to address this issue.

Ask departments about the cheating issue!

HW:

1. Check with department members about student clubs and coaching assignments. Is the information correct? Are all clubs listed? Have some clubs disbanded?
2. Ask department members about the cheating issue. Are they seeing more cheating among students? Should we attempt a cheating campaign? Clarify the issue with students?