

School Improvement Team

December 2, 2014

Attendance: G. McFee, J. Sullivan, T. Dezio, S. Sircey, C. Mackiernan, R. Smith, J. Blackburn, K. Moffatt, R. Deloughery, Wilson, S. Kindley, T. Wilson, E. Gill

Q: How can we do less work that the students to curb the tardiness in the building, both to school and to class?

Students must sign in when they first arrive to school if it is after 8 am

According to Ms. Sircey, most 1st period tardies are in the building

Should we worry about the first 5 minutes of class?

Ms. Sircey also stated that in general, all buses are at school by 7:30 am

Can't count 3 tardies as an absence; will never hold up if challenged

We need a strategy that does not punish teachers for the actions of the student

Current policy of detentions and reporting is not being followed

should admin talk to teachers who are not following policy?

Past Strategies

Exam exemption - not allowed by county anymore

Take away parking privileges

In the past we had parents drop off students and the parents were supposed to walk the students in, most parents (75%?) did not come in with kids

Mr. Dezio looked at other schools' policies and saw 3 common deterrents

Lunch Detention

Parking Privileges

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Student rep. Sierra Kindley is upset by apparent lack of consequences that occur due to chronic tardiness

Suggested Lunch detention discussion

1st tardy free

2nd and more = e-mail to someone in charge of lunch detention

Multiple T's in a day = multiple lunch detentions

Note: this does not need to be in the lunchroom with administrators trying to watch that and the other kids – we need a new venue and supervision

Homework: Go to your department to talk about tardies and how we might implement a lunch detention or other consequence.

Next meeting: do one of two things

1. Write a new tardy policy which begins next semester.
2. Do a "trial period" with a new policy