

2018 SIT Monthly Summary

Noble Middle School

October 10, 2018

KUDOS

1. Opening Staff Meeting with the various breakout sessions was an awesome idea!!
2. Great start to a new year! Lots of great energy and excitement
3. What a great start to the year!! Everyone seems to be working hard to take care of students and each other :)
4. Staff Meeting Bingo!
5. This place feels like a "well-oiled machine".
6. I am so impressed with the way our administrators (both at Noble and at Central Office) is putting our students and staff's emotional/physical and spiritual needs ahead of academics right now. Thank you Mr. Smith for your very empathetic and compassionate leadership throughout this unprecedented experience.
I'm also wowed by how supportive the staff is of one another when the going gets tough. It's pretty awesome to genuinely enjoy coming to work each day knowing that my colleagues have my back.

BURNING ISSUES

1. Hallway chaos with so many students in our limited space. (I personally feel unsafe walking down the hall during class changes and at the end of the day!!)

SOLUTION: Enforcing right side walking OR one-way traffic patterns. Require adult presence between classes

- **Perhaps begin afternoon announcements earlier so 6th graders can receive a bigger head-start to their lockers.**

2. Fanny packs and their come back? Are they allowed? Aren't they the same as gym bags? They are easily accessible and could be used to conceal any number of things.

SOLUTION: Have students leave them in their lockers along with backpacks and gym bags.

- **Fanny packs are to be treated as purses but, teachers are to use their judgment if they become a distraction.**

3 Resurrection of Sunshine Committee

- **Andrea is off to a great start (Thanks Andrea)! If you would like to contribute with your time or financially, please speak with her.**

4 Recycling Concern

- **Please see below:**

“My STAE students have been doing this as a service for the school for the past few years. (This is a schoolwide service project we do, since the Green Team went defunct.) I was rotating weekly by my grade level classes.

Now, it will be done during grade level planning on Thursday or Friday each week. Elective teachers yours will have to be done during your class time due to the logistics. Apologies for that. If you want recycling done, leave your rooms open or place your recycling bins outside of your door. (If you need it done more than that, just let me know.) The students will also continue to be instructed that if there is a meeting going on, not to enter the classroom.

If you DO NOT want recycling done, let me know as soon as possible. So, my students will know not to enter your room.”

5 Concerns regarding staff who are not in the classroom as often as others

- **This concern was addressed with administration. At this time, admin. is aware of all staff members' schedules.**

OTHER ISSUES FOR NEXT MONTH?

Just to clarify:

Everyone's opinions, concerns, and thoughts are appreciated. If you submit something on the SIT Feedback form, your voice is heard. Sometimes, however, SIT is not the appropriate venue. If something directly concerns administration, it is moved for discussion at Principal's Advisory Committee. If a concern is about a specific staff member or a small group, those things are discussed with administration only. Often times, we will add those items to the SIT Summary with whatever solution was discussed (if appropriate.)