

2018 SIT Monthly Summary

Noble Middle School

December 12, 2018

KUDOS

1. Communications; Sunshine committee and colleagues volunteering to organize different events for each other
2. Custodial staff replacing ceiling tiles in my classroom that have gotten wet since Florence.
3. Thanks to Wade and Stephanie for hosting Christmas party. A good time was had by all!
4. Teacher morale, amazing support for personal situations.
5. MTSS is going better this year - thank you Syreeta!

BURNING ISSUES

1. Why are 8th grade students being released before the bell at lunch and the end of the day?
 - **Lunch - 8th grade lunch is unbalanced and a larger group is outside at the end. They are released into the building 1 min. Early. At the semester change, 8th grade teachers will meet and move one class from first lunch to second lunch.**
 - **End of the day - 7th and 8th grade teachers should be holding their students, in their room, until the 3:30 bell rings.**
2. Accomodation Lab-if no one sends students, the person assigned should do the read alouds needed for that day. There should not be an additional staff member recruited and then that person see the person assigned "free" 15 minutes into the period.
 - **Please review procedures for accommodations lab found in the live binder.**
3. Equitable disbursement of Athletic Department monies-with all staff required to give time to concessions and ticket sales, all teams should benefit from the money collected. For example, cross-country should have been given warm-up gear like other teams did.
 - **Money disbursement is at the digression of Athletics**
4. Get all teachers access to ABE as soon as possible. Some of our accounts have been "deactivated" and the links aren't working for us anymore.
 - **Teachers now have the ability to reset their own password.**
5. Still need help supervising late arrivals to school in the back 8th grade hallway.
 - **Administration, SRO, and Watch Dogs will try to assist in this**
6. Do we really need 6 people in the gym for morning duty when the buses arrive so late?

SOLUTION: 2 for 6th grade side and 3 for 7th and 8th grade side

 - **In case of an emergency situation, we need this many people on duty.**
7. What is the deal with Sunshine Committee and responsibility of planning staff celebrations?

SOLUTION: If someone is getting married or having a baby, that persons grade level or elective dept would be in charge of organizing the celebration. 6th grade teachers could set up since they have last period planning. The group hosting the party would be in charge of establishing a date, organizing who brings what and clean up.

- **At this time, Andrea is happy to lead Sunshine. Please contact her if you would like to contribute.**

8. Hallway student traffic in 6th/7th hallway, especially after school.

SOLUTION: We as teachers try to move them along but perhaps more of a right side and left side procedure would help.

- **Announcements will begin at 3:25 in an effort to move 6th graders along, clearing the way for 7th grade at 3:30.**

10. Many kids don't want to go to recess, especially on gym days. They are expressing frustration that they do not have many choices as far as activities. They feel like playing basketball or sitting/standing on the side are the only options.

SOLUTION: Require movement (the kids to walk the square?) Bring out some new/different equipment and introduce a new game? They may need some direction as far as getting some other activities going.

- **This is a safety issue. There are only two adults to supervise 150ish kids at a time. Outside, jump rope and four square are also options.**

11. Why are students returning from lunch so early? We have students coming in the building 2-3 minutes early which gives them 6-7 minutes to be in the hallways and cause chaos.

- **See above (#1)**

OTHER ISSUES FOR NEXT MONTH?

