

Broad Based Planning Committee Meeting Minutes

October 29, 2013

Committee Members Present

Jeff Osterman, Lori Taylor, Leslie Kimery, Luke Kimery, Matt Shockley, Lisa France, Greg Dana, Judy Harrison, Megan Schneider, Tracy Wheeler, Kris Kingery, Cara Voorhorst, Christina Rachfalski, Amy Maharas, Ginger Davis, Erin Brown, Dustin Sites, Lyndsay Corya and Venetia Faulkenberg.

Minutes

The meeting began at 6:32 p.m. on Tuesday, October 29, 2013. Mrs. Faulkenberg welcomed everyone for coming and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

Mrs. Faulkenberg shared that our high ability grant application was accepted. Avon Schools will receive \$65,562 in grant money to use for NWEA and CogAT assessments for all students in kindergarten, 2nd grade, 4th grade, 6th grade, and also 8th grade students in high ability math classes. Advanced Placement course registrations will also be partially paid through this grant. Certain Advanced Placement exams that are not covered by the state, or students taking multiple exams, will also get assistance through this grant. Stipends will also be paid for high ability teachers in grades three through eight to attend professional development to formulate the curriculum for English/Language Arts and Math. Mrs. Faulkenberg mentioned that we were expecting a four percent decrease in funds from the amount received last year, but due to the increase of high ability students in Avon, we received roughly \$1,000.00 more.

Matt Shockley, committee member and principal of Avon High School, delivered a presentation on high school data. Included in this power point was information on Course Weighting, Graduation Rate, Diplomas, Advance Placement Courses, Dual Credit Courses, ECA's (End of Course Assessments), SAT vs. ACT, and National Merit Scholarship Program. Handouts were given on suggested core subject course of study for students to plan out their four years of high school with the assistance of their guidance counselor. These charts guide students to select the correct path of classes to graduate with the type of diploma that they are working to achieve.

Also in the folder was an enrollment snapshot of students who are currently enrolled in AP courses. A comparison of the number of students taking AP courses this year versus last year was given. Ethnicity breakdowns over the past two years, were also indicated on the sheet. An AP Five-Year School Score Summary was also provided showing how Avon faired against other

schools in Indiana and also globally. Avon has continued to score higher than Indiana and global schools. An AP class syllabus was also enclosed for everyone to see the rigor of content that an AP class contains.

Avon High School's National Merit Scholarship Program history from 1996 to the present was shared. Lastly, ten year summaries on student performance on both the ACT and SAT mean scores.

Everyone thanked Mr. Shockley for the information he shared with the group. He was asked to share his presentation with the group and will offer it to be placed on the website as well.

Venetia Faulkenberg thanked the members for coming and reminded everyone of the two remaining meetings: Monday, November 25th and Monday, February 3, 2014. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.