

Notes from October 5, 2013 Chris and Sharlene Herzog Community Conversation

What is Working?

Intro to engineering (STEAM)

Gifted education

Differentiated education

Want more

Individualized education

Curriculum Night

- Add more time though

Help parents become partners

Don't compress top students but use common core to push all students

T and E Bell to help students who need it

XH Bell

- Benefits high school kids a lot

Both help individualize learning

Cost per student is great

HAC is good – Helps parents know grades in real time

Some frustration that grades are entered slowly/late

- Teachers don't have time and can't do at home

How to save teachers time?

↑ Key question: Key Q: How to make parents better partners with teachers?

Naviance System at high schools (guidance system)

- Question: What age is a parent info session given

NOT WORKING

School year – Not long enough

Not enough flexibility in scheduling hours and classes

Worth it to have more days

Go year round with same days

How to prevent summer regression

Fixation on Apple tech products

- West issue

High school block schedule

- Good concept

- Loads up tests on Friday

Frictions at high school level because no team teaching and other benefits of lower schools

Dropped music/art/gym from elementary

Want well rounded kids

Back to individualization

Non-driving students

Freshman busing

Enough guidance counselors and work with parents on college

Counseling and programming to deal with bullying

High athletic fees

Poor transportation for sports