

SMHS School Council Meeting Minutes for 9/11/18

Starting Time: 5:00 pm

Ending Time: 6:00 pm

Attendees: David Appleman, John Chichester, Leilani Jacobson, Jami Padgett, Kris Thayer, Gary Cooper, Aimee Antila

Agenda Items:

1. Calendar – Reviewed upcoming calendar events
 - a. Recent Events:
 - 9/11 School Connect-Faith Based Organization (Dream City Church) that helps schools: Mr. Appleman met with them and asked them to help with the student and staff bathrooms.
 - 9/11/ PTC Meeting/AVID Parent Night
 - 9/13 Staff meeting/Governing Board Meeting
 - 9/14 Military Appreciation Night
 - 9/19-9/21 Fall Break
2. Mission and Vision review
 - a. AZMerit Scores and AIMS Science scores were concerning
 - b. SAT Scores were not too bad because everyone took the test last year
 - c. Even though we are a smaller school we have more students taking Honors and AP classes
 - d. When Mr. Appleman shared our school Mission and Vision statement at his Principal training they were highly critical of our mission and vision indicating that it was convoluted.
 - e. The School Council discussed the Vision statement needing to be more direct and concise. We discussed shortening it, eliminating much of the flowery wording.
3. Data-based Math Proposal
 - a. The data from AZMerit was alarming. Some of the students do not take this test seriously. The reasons for this are as follows:
 - Students don't care.
 - We don't know how to make the students care.
 - Students have different needs. Last year, one of the math classes had a substitute teacher for half the school year. In addition, the

year before these students also had a substitute teacher in middle school for a whole year.

- One of the items that the data shows is that many of our students come into high school with giant holes in their math skills (i.e. addition, subtraction, division, multiplication, etc.).
- We put a Math Fluency program in place in the CABS program to work on basic math skills to see if it will help the student to do better on state assessments.
- Another program we have put in place is AZMimic practice software for AZMerit: School City to prepare students for the test and it gives all the data and does a Pre and Post test prior to AZMerit tests.

4. Data-based Science Proposal

- a. We are getting nailed on our AIMS Science scores, its base on Biology. We are the only high school that gives all freshmen Biology. NCHS offers Environmental Science in the freshmen year which helps prepare them for the AIMS Science in the Sophomore year. Environmental Science paired with Biology gives students two years of Biology to prepare them for state testing.
- b. Having the Science department take data on what is going on with the students and state testing so that we can find a fix to raise our scores.

5. School Goal

- a. We have three goals this year: individual, department and school wide goals.
- b. Teachers used to be evaluated on their PLC goals, which meant that teachers only had to show 1% growth. This was not very valuable data.
- c. Mr. Appleman wrote a simple school wide goal.

6. Teacher TES Goals

- a. This year the teachers are choosing personal goals that are largely based on relationship building.

7. Anon(ymous)

- a. The NVAA Theatre program teacher Dr. Minarsich asked to do a play about an African American man, a re-writing of the Odyssey. The students in her class came up with this idea.
- b. Mr. Appleman asked the Council members what they thought of this idea. The Council agreed that this is a good idea to do tastefully.

8. School Traffic

- a. Mr. Appleman has gotten many complaints about school traffic. There are people who are driving in an unsafe manner.

- b. Mr. Appleman is talking with Don Cross at the City of Phoenix about having a divider in the middle of the road in front of the school to solve the traffic problems.
 - c. Deb Stark is our councilwoman who is in charge of the 32 North beautification project. She is a good person to contact about the traffic problem that we are experience at SMHS. The Council members discussed that she would be a good advocate in helping to solve this problem.
9. Gen Yes \$ Solar Car
- a. The Gen Yes class and club has folded and has about \$600 left in the club account.
 - b. Mr. Appleman proposes that we transfer this money to the Solar Car Club.
 - c. The Solar Car Club is an offshoot of Gen Yes club.