

Site Council Minutes September 11, 2012

7:30-8:30 Room 213

Established Working Norms

- assume and have good intentions
- wear different lenses
- active listening
- speaking your mind
- equal voice

I. Operational Business

A. August 22 minutes were reviewed and approved

B. A review of the allotment of site council funds for site council and department use was conducted.

A 70/30 split between departments and site council is traditional. Department Chairs have been notified of the available funds for each department.

II. New Business

A. Tim Collins introduced a request for funding to cover the cost of professional development training in assessment for 4-5 department chairs who are willing to attend. Having the department chairs attend the training will benefit the work done at GHS toward the district initiate of assessment.

Tim Collin's proposal was that we spend site council money up front at this time to send 4-5 teachers to cover the cost of subs and training fees for these teachers.

Motion to approve was made and seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Education Compact Data for 2011-12 freshmen was reviewed by Site Council Members.

Principal John Koch pointed out the connection between on track graduation progress and attendance and explained the new, tougher approach to attendance.

C. Freshman curricular support in and outside of the school day discussion

John Koch posed the question for discussion: What can we do better support freshmen?

The discussion which followed mentioned programs within GHS which help freshmen and centered largely around the Bridges program. Some of the issues that came up in discussion were:

- Is Bridges necessary for all students?
- Is the curriculum for Bridges viable?
- Does the technology mandate need to be addressed in the Bridges classes or could it be addressed in other freshman electives?
- Can the Bridges program do more to support freshmen with study skills and accountability?

Next Steps in this process

1. Return to this topic for the next Site Council meeting on the 25th
2. Research the "Bridges" programs of other schools.

D. Tim Collins shared a proposal for a modification to the Wednesday late start schedule for the month long series of REAL lessons. The model schedule was passed around. Site council members suggested that REAL lessons should take place during 2nd or 3rd period rather than 6th period.

Meeting agenda will carry over for the meeting on September 25th. Meeting in room 213. Motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded at 8:30. The Motion was carried unanimously