

Site Council meeting minutes May 7, 2013

7:34 I operational business

1. Motion to approve old minutes was made and seconded

2. site council funds update Tim Collins

- PE, English, Math departments requested held funds for end of the year curriculum work. \$400 left in site council after these funds were held.
- Olivia Green, Math department chair made a motion to request the use of remaining funds for IB Math teachers to plan next year's class. Funds will cover 2 more subs for two days of math department work. \$161.48 is the cost for a full day sub.
- Motion was seconded and passed by site council. No dissenting votes.

3. site council elections for 2013-2014

- Many students nominated to serve.
- Teacher Mark Jacobson was nominated to serve and later contacted. Mark Jacobson will be a new site council rep for 2013-2014
- Parents will be recruited to serve.
- Classified reps will rotate two new reps onto site council for next year.
- Kristen Warren was nominated to be a new GBEA rep to site council.
- Brad Cook has volunteered to be site council chair.

4. New department chairs will be chosen in Math, Counseling and World Language

II New Business

1. SC initiative update John Koch

John Koch compiled feedback from the site council assessment of district initiatives and will send this compilation to the district. John will share our feedback with district representatives.

His comments will include the observations that instructional strategies, proficiency and assessment all seem to be related and that our work this year will lead us to data teams work next year.

2. Assessment policy overview and input. Tim Collins

7:58 Tim Collins instructed site council members to:

- review the most recent assessment policy
- look at feedback from staff in areas of agreement and argument and look for areas which need clarification or additions.
- share observations with colleagues nearby when finished

8:07 Whole group reconvened to share observations

Questions and comments were as follows

Do grades for summative assessments need to be weighted the same so that each class has similar grades or does that violate academic freedom of teachers?

We have lost time to create, agree on grading and assessment and feedback.
The document needs to show that there is fluidity in this document.
Students feel like guinea pigs while we move through so many assessment changes.
Tension exists between formative grading and the notion that grade book must be updated every three weeks.

Does the policy need to address when “late work” must be complete or excused or unexcused absences?

Math department can be a reference for crunch time assessments being handed in by students at the end of the semester.

Motion to adjourn site council was made and seconded at 8:29.

Announcements:

May 21 is the last site council meeting for the 2012-13. Room 213 7:30-8:35