

Site Council Minutes September 25th, 2012
7:30-8:30 a.m.

Established Working Norms

- Assume we have good intentions
- Wear different lenses
- Active listening
- Speak your mind
- Equal voice

Agenda

I. Operational Business 7:35 am

Approve Old Minutes dated September 11, 2012
Minutes were approved with no changes

II. New Business

Continuation of freshman curricular support in and outside the school day discussion
From the shared 9/11/12- 9/25/12 agenda

- a. The conversation centered around the bridges program and its value and usefulness in fulfilling curricular support to Freshmen.
 1. Quinn Santangelo ASB representative shared student perceptions of the bridges class as being useless in its current form
 2. Brad Cook Business/ Protech department chair shared the views of those in his department who teach bridges or other classes. The views expressed varied from, bridges and microtype are valuable to teachers and should be kept to cut bridges is not valuable and the FTE could be used elsewhere.

Key issues expressed were:

- Parents want their students to test out
- State and District mandates that all students complete the CIS and this currently happens in the bridges classes
- How is CIS funded?
- Should bridges be continued, modified and do all students need to take it
- AVID students are already doing Bridges like preparation
- Step up for all students could replace Bridges
- FTE should be redistributed to core curriculum and tech access should be equally dispersed throughout the building if we can find another way to support freshmen.
- Bridges should be considered in a broader context how does it impact core classes in English and social studies
- An open forum about this issue would be useful

b. Next Steps

1. John Koch should find out how CIS is being funded through Perkins or not.
2. Site council members should find out about bridges like programs at other school to discover possible Bridges modification options.
3. More information about the bridges program at GHS is needed, stakeholders in the Bridges conversation should be present.

Motion to adjourn was made and seconded at 8: 32 am