

Site Council Minutes January 15, 2013

I Operational Business (7:35)

approve old minutes

minutes were reviewed and motion to approve minutes were made and seconded

motion to accept minutes passed (7:36)

II New Business (7:37)

A. John Koch Gresham Barlow Capital Bond update

Bond planning meetings have been going on for the last 18 months. The committee is proposing a 2.7 billion dollar bond to complete seismic upgrades, retrofit and remodel schools to make them safe and effective for learning in the 21st century. Elementary schools will be expanded to allow for full day kindergarten. Gresham High School stands to receive a great portion of this bond, potentially 80 million dollars due to the age and the issues that persist at the Gresham facility.

In preparation for the bond proposal, the committee for schools has administered a survey to households in Gresham. Results will be shared with the committee at the next meeting.

If the bond proposal is approved by the school board and interested groups then the bond may appear on the May 2013 ballot. If the bond passes the election process ; final design planning would begin immediately after and construction would begin likely January or February.

Questions and comments about the bond proposal

- Is all the money going toward capital expenses?
- Could the remodeling end up freeing more money out of the general fund which at this time goes for furnace repairs and other fixes?
- When will the data from the survey be known?

B. Kathy Childress Gopherpalooza update

Gopherpalooza is coming up quickly and Sarabeth Leitch may have an additional activity to add to the schedule. At this time the plan for the science fair will happen during a 3 hour late start, similar to the PSAT schedule. Tim Collins will build the schedule soon.

C. Tim Collins 9th Grade Sub Committee report

9th grade success subcommittee has met twice.

At this time the group recommends:

- a modified house model for most 9th grade students. Science, math and English teachers would share the same set of students and would be able to work collaboratively to help students in their classes.
- Bridges be offered for most all students but will not be required. The CTE credit requirement currently tied to Bridges can be earned in other CTE technology classes and many students currently take a technology class before they leave high school.

Tim Collins offered a comparison high school, David Douglas which uses the modified house model for most at risk freshmen. It is working well and administrators are looking to add more classes, like health, to the model.

questions about the 9th Grade Sub Committee recommendations

D. MayLynda Wolfer

PBIS update

Second self assessment on PBIS Knowledge and practices will happen at the February 12 staff meeting. This survey is typically done in April but will happen earlier this year. By completing the survey earlier, the PBIS team can plan for next year earlier based on the survey feedback..

On February 12th the PBIS high school and middle school teams will meet together and discuss strategies which are working. A subcommittee of John (?), Ty Gonrowski and Brad Cook will work together to create a publicity blitz similar to a strategy used at Barlow high school.

E. Tim and John Attendance issues

Attendance and tardy issues are on the rise. 70-90 tardies each morning for 1st period.

Some kids are ducking out after getting a tardy pass or take a long time to get to class after receiving a tardy pass.

Questions and comments about attendance issues

- teachers need to stop and write detentions for tardies
- 7th period, many students are loitering in the hall ways
- teachers need a duty so that they could monitor the halls.
- going to the attendance office is not useful because more class is missed waiting in line.
- If teachers would be more effective at giving a consequence to tardies then we could go back to that model. Consequences are not happening now because there are 60 students at the window.
- When Mr. Melton is in the parking lot, students follow the rules.

Next steps: Aki Mori will administer a survey to staff. Based on the feedback we will revisit the current policy. Because we are judged by the state on attendance, we need to make progress on this issue. We need to set a standard that being in class is important.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded at 8:20 am

