

Site Council Minutes

Sept. 23, 2011

7:30a.m-9:00a.m

Approve old minutes

Missing a parent representative: Jackie Altamirano will be contacted by John

Review Norms

Snack sign up sheet passed around

New Business

1. Allocation of SC Funds

Site Council Funds:\$ 10,900

70 percent to department 30 percent to site council

Last year, departments used most of their funds

Should the 70-30 split continue? voted Yes

2. State Report Card, AYP, SIP Data Discussion- Tim

Satisfactory to Needs of Improvement this year.

Review state report card.

Concern: Graduation Rate 63%

3. SC Working Groups Discussion

- *Break into groups

- *Work time/Focus Question/Data Cycle

Break up into groups of four to discuss school report card

Explanation of the new way to measure graduation rate.

- GED or other certificates don't count anymore

- Modified diplomas are counted as drop-outs

- 5th year students still count but they are averaged out with the 4th year cohorts

Essential Question: What can we do to help our students graduate? Especially students who face tougher challenges

4. Large group/Share

- Modified Diplomas have a big effect on graduation rate

- What a realistic graduation rate goal?

- Target: 65% graduation rate for a 4-year cohort

- What are the factors keeping kids from graduating?

5. Working Focus Groups For the Year (5 groups of 5 members)

- Freshmen Focus Group: How do we connect students to school? (high need group)
 - What resources are available and how do we get students connected to school?
 - Get a list of resources and brainstorm ways to get them to students
- IB Articulation/Graduation: Should all students take at least one IB class?
 - Investigate what is the IB experience at GHS
 - What's the history of IB and where can it go.
- Student Resource/Planner: Provide feedback. What has or hasn't been useful this year? (March)
- Technology: How should tech be used and tech funds be spent?
 - Get kids engaged in the classroom
 - Get teachers to use technology and teach teachers how to use it
- Data Analysis: What does the data say?
- Writing: What support can SC offer to departments as they work on improving writing?
 - Staff Mtg in Oct. should focus on Writing Conventions

Next SC Meeting: Oct 27th