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SCHOOL BASED PLANNING TEAM

Present: S. Rudy, L. Kasdin, J. Aspenleiter, E. Folts, A. Punzi (parent alternate), D. Carter, M. Fusco, A. Tirre, M. Koch, J. Feinberg, E. Wilson
 Absent: B. Pacheco, K. Nicastro, M. Gamzon, P. Pittinaro, N. Somerszaul-Rivera (parent alternate), Martin Presberg, Matan Presberg (student),
 D. Parke, M. Mueller, M. Vazquez-Simmons
 Guests:

DATE: May, 21, 2014 PLACE: Rm. 178 TIME: 4:15
 FACILITATOR: Susan Rudy TIMEKEEPER: J. Aspenleiter SECRETARY: M. Gamzon (minutes today: M. Koch/S. Rudy)

Thank you snacks— M. Koch Next snacks: N. Somerszaul-Rivera

TOPIC	PERSON	DISCUSSION/ DESIRED OUTCOME	TIME
Approval of agenda and set times	S. Rudy	Agenda reviewed and approved as talking points for today. New Business: RTA	4:18-4:20
Communications Committee Update	Mueller , Carter	Parent wide e-mails and/or text system; coming up with year-end recommendations for communications. Ideas for sharing weekly bulletin with parents (changing from Power Point to Document). Counseling Department – has ordered magnets for “Counselor’s Corner” information and newsletter. Through SOTA website.	4:39-4:41
Textbook Discussion Follow Up	Teachers Parents	Review – proposal to add more technology in the building. Electronic textbooks. Opinions: Students not taking textbooks home; making sure current textbooks are updated in classrooms with a possibility of a digital copy for home use; issues maintaining hardware and managing iPads use; helping students to be college and career ready; electronic assignments; limited computers in building; student access to internet at home; classroom laptops. Survey teachers; follow-up at next meeting.	4:21-4:38

SBPT Department Letter Committee Update	S. Rudy / L. Kasdin	<p>Drafted letter to staff members; solutions for students who are receiving failing grades in their art classes consistently. Collected data from departments – want to develop subcommittee to brainstorm ideas to help facilitate these students’ needs. Students with behavioral concerns; helping families to make the right decisions on school placement. Getting parents engaged in arts education; looking at formalities of juries and audition processes.</p> <p>Next meeting: bring drafted letter back; wait for approval to start committee, and more information will be presented to art staff. Tabled for discussion next meeting. Letter and decision to have a subcommittee could not be approved because there was no quorum</p>	4:41-5:00
June Assessments for Social Studies	E. Wilson	<p>Post-Assessments begin in June. Assessments have a direct effect on teacher evaluations. Looking at the timeline of giving these assessments in early June, and losing instruction time.</p> <p>S. Cohen drafted letter for S.S. teachers expressing concerns about post-assessment schedule. SBPT cannot make a decision to approve or send the letter from the committee because of lack of quorum. Stefan can copy the committee.</p> <p>How much instructional time is taken up by testing? – a concern</p> <p>Admin and teachers should go to CO with concern about post-assessments. Summer school information has not come out yet.</p>	5:00-5:20

		<p>S. Cohen met with Principal Pacheco and the letter was sent out later. Parents want to help....what can they do?</p> <p>Email to Anne Punzi who will email to Gail Lynch. Spell out details (how post-assessments are created, administered, etc.)</p>	
RTA/SBPT	J. Feinberg	3 openings for teacher positions. Nominated: Kasdin, Gamzon only. Will return for another term. 1 position open – to go to teachers.	5:20-5:25
Set agenda items and date options for next meeting	S. Rudy	June 10 th – can not attend: J. Aspenleiter	5:25-5:30
Motion to adjourn	S. Rudy	adjourned	5:30

NEXT MEETING: 6/10

FUTURE MEETINGS:

Minutes to be emailed to SBPT, SOTA, and posted on sotarochester.org after approval.