



OUR MISSION IS STUDENT SUCCESS...ACADEMIC, ARTISTIC, AND HUMANISTIC

SCHOOL BASED PLANNING TEAM

Present: M. Gamzon , L. Kasdin,S. Rudy, J. Aspenleiter, Ellen Folts, , N. Somerszaul-Rivera (parent alternate) , M. Fusco, , D. Parker, Martin Presberg J. Feinberg

Absent: P. Pittinaro , Meghan Koch, , E. Wilson, D. Carter ,M. Mueller, Anne Punzi (parent alternate), A. Tirre,, Matan Presberg (student) K.Nicastro, M. Vasquez-Simmons

Guests:

DATE: April 8, 2014

PLACE: Rm. 178

TIME: 4:15

FACILITATOR: Susan Rudy

TIMEKEEPER: J. Aspenleiter

SECRETARY: M. Gamzon

Thank you snacks—Kasdin, Feinberg

Next snacks:

TOPIC	PERSON	DISCUSSION/ DESIRED OUTCOME	TIME
Approval of agenda and set times	S. Rudy	Motion to approve and seconded	4:21-4:26
Communications committee	M. Presberg	Discussed Power Teacher, parent emails not in data base, M. Presberg sent email to Supt. Vargas regarding this Different ways to improve communication and how to piggyback on existing methods Weekly bulletin—parent email list Power School does have parent information but needs algorithm to be able to send it out—contact to Pearson possible PTSA meeting involved discussion of adding Weekly Bulletin to SOTA website Do students listen to morning announcements? Twitter, Facebook (blocked)? What can be done to help new parents on parent/teacher conference nights? New steps taken for last conference Poster created for absent teachers More Student ambassadors Robo calls don't always go out in time, try to schedule 3 days in advance	4:26 -4:45

SBPT Dept. Letter Committee Update	S. Rudy, L. Kasdin, M. Presberg	Follow-up letter to departments asking them to follow up on their concerns and asking them to communicate to SBPT M. Presberg will draft a “general” letter or specific letters to departments about an earlier concern from last year Concern about disengaged students in the arts majors, counselors will look at it after break Facilities concerns go to Building Committee Rep Dawn Hohmann, who handles questions along with Principal Pacheco	4:45-4:55
Textbook distribution	B. Pacheco	Ask teachers to discuss in departments what resources they need—are textbooks really needed and how are they used Could textbook money be used for other resources— 21st c. Resource re-allocation—Netbooks, Nooks or Kindles, iPads Do parents and students feel comfortable about re-allocating resources for different curricula? Are textbooks needed for each student? Is a class set sufficient?	4:55-5:15
Principal’s Update	B. Pacheco	Meetings with Arts and ELA FMP—Facilities Management Program—pride in the building Bathrooms, cleaning up in the Commons SOTA has been here 20 years, investment needed in building	5:15-5:30
New Business Ideas for SBPT subcommittees	S. Rudy	Tabled until next meeting	5:30-

Motion to approve minutes Set agenda for next meeting and adjourn		Minutes approved; motion to adjourn	5:30

NEXT MEETING: 5/21

FUTURE MEETINGS:

5/21 6/11

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