



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

SCHOOL BASED PLANNING TEAM

Present: B. Pacheco M. Fusco, S. Rudy, L. Ferris, P. Corvino, M. Gamzon, L. Kasdin, T. Hawkins, N. George, A. Tirre , J. Feinberg, P. Pittinano, L. Button, S. Bennett K. Donko-Hanson, M. Douyon, D. Bell

Absent: M Presberg, D. Carter, K. Nicastro

Guests: Music Department, Foreign Language Department, K. Donko-Hanson

DATE: October 11, 2012

PLACE: Rm. A178

TIME: 4:00

FACILITATOR: Laura Ferris

TIMEKEEPER:

SECRETARY: M. Gamzon

Snacks from P. Corvino and N. George---Thank you!

TOPIC	PERSON	DISCUSSION/ DESIRED OUTCOME	TIME
APPROVAL OF AGENDA	L. Ferris/K. Donko-Hanson	Motion seconded and passed.	4:05
Music Dept. Presentation	J. Gabriele, T. Hawkins M. Belcufine D. Stone M.D. Lauritzen, E. Herman, M. Koch	Idea for a proposal: Students who fail major, should be made to re-audition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build relationships with elementary schools • Equipment needs replacing • Annual trip for adjudication • Need for stability in keeping current department educators <p>A. Tirre responded by stating that off-level student interest in SOTA has grown but there are not a lot of openings for them. Commisioner White’s SOTA West idea also demonstrates the need for additional arts programs for students</p>	4:05-4:40

		<p>L. Kasdin reflected on past audition process and the increasing number of students who are receiving RCSD diplomas because they do not have sufficient credits academic or arts. Students need to be passing before they can voluntarily transfer. 22 credits RCSD, SOTA 25.5</p> <p>S. Bennett asked questions regarding what strategies are in place to handle concerns about disruptive and failing students 5-10%.</p> <p>A. Tirre estimates about 60+ places would be opened.</p> <p>A. Tirre suggests that this be a question to consider after department presentations and to bring Ms. Pacheco into the discussion, possibly with the superintendent. There are some opportunities to audition and change major, but really not enough.</p> <p>ACTION ITEM?</p> <p>M. Douyon asked about music students competing in local competitions in addition to the national competition. M. Belcufine hopes to be able to bring all groups this year to Philadelphia. All-City, All-County, NYSSMA as well.</p>	
<p>Foreign Language Department Presentation</p>	<p>Robinson, Sapienza, O'Connor, Rodriguez</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase enrollment • Have all 7th grade levels reinstated ACTION ITEMS? • Have staff members encourage participation for preparation for college readiness. <p>67% passed IP (one year of Spanish in 8th grade) 97% passed Spanish 1C (two years of Spanish) Based on ELA scores: Honors in 7th grade take Spanish and one ELA Regents take block ELA Students who take Foreign Language score higher on core subjects exams and standardized tests. Note: State has removed Level III Foreign Language exam</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Latin is being phased out after this year. Used to have French and two years of Chinese • K. Donko-Hanson --On high school level, students should be able to take 3 year sequence. College PREP program is also offered. 	<p>4:40-5:06</p>

		<p>One section of Spanish IV 7th grade ELA score was a driving factor regarding more support for ELA, 5 sections of Spanish II Foreign language correlates with NYS standards in ELA and grammar.</p>	
<p>PDI APPLICATIONS/SCEP plan</p>	<p>L. Ferris</p>	<p>PDI Approvals made. L. Ferris and J. Feinberg maintaining records, database.</p> <p>SCEF has 6 sections (tenets), B. Pacheco and L. Ferris submitted it early September Tenet 6—Family and Community Engagement Working w/ Lorna Washington SCEP plan submitted to district, board, then state</p> <p>Curriculum night 10/11— Testing. There is a move to require authentic assessment for post testing in the arts.</p> <p>B. Pacheco discussed testing on PSAT day. District is aware of difficulties SOTA faces with reduced instructional time. Lost at least 11 hrs. of instruction per class.</p> <p>Teachers and administrators are doing goal-setting (due 10/31). Benchmarks are due Oct. 30.</p> <p>Other districts, too, have discussed this with the state. The state does not seem to understand.</p>	<p>5:04-</p>

NEWS		<p>Upcoming events Drama dept. —Bad Seed production College night Jazz Concert Art shows Discussion of students using Facebook, Twitter, social media and digital media creating problems at SOTA--administrators being brought in to address it. Cyber-bullying--can PTSA help with this?</p> <p>ACTION ITEMS: Time to debrief the questions and concerns regarding department presentations. Can we build in some time in the agenda to debrief?</p> <p>Questions regarding testing should go to B. Pacheco and K. Nicastro.</p>	5:30
New Business (from May meeting)		<p>Motion to approve minutes from last minute. Seconded. Approved.</p> <p>Motion to adjourn. Seconded and approved.</p>	6:00

NEXT MEETING: 10/24 Department presentations: Theatre Technology/Drama, Social Studies

Snacks: M. Fusco, S. Rudy

FUTURE MEETINGS:

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