

Home/Hospital Planning Committee
December 14th, 2016 - 7:30AM

Present: Tony Robinson, Candace Rubin, Eva Zweifler, Lisa Silverstein, Lincoln Cromwell, Lauri Davis, Debbie Green

1. November 9th, 2016 Minutes: Approved
2. Updates on Chromebooks: Tony will speak with Chief Sondra Simpson, since we still have not received our requested number of Chromebooks. Tony will get the list from Lisa Cummings and keep us informed.
3. Updates on PowerSchool: The grievance that was filed is now at Level 2, so a decision should be made soon. Our inability to have access to information in PowerSchool hurts our students. We don't understand why the district feels we shouldn't have full access when the established process had been functioning well. Candace will keep us aware of the progress moving forward.
4. Extended Days for Regents Review: Tony requested a board resolution, but it has not been approved. He is still hoping to run sessions on January 7th and 21st. We discussed the various ways we review for Regents exams. Tony is concerned that too many students receive high marking period grades and fail the Regents exams. He said our Summer School results were excellent. We explained that summer school students are ours for the full 6 weeks, plus we only have two subjects to cover in the two hours. During the school year, the majority of our students are temporary. We can only take so much responsibility for what students know when they come to us late in the year for exams. The June results are not an accurate reflection of our teaching ability. We are not making excuses, just explaining the difficulties and obstacles we face having mostly "temporary" students.
5. Conference Half Days: Tony said that Sally is doing the bulk of the planning for January. March and May have 3 hours each of district mandated content.
6. Student Schedules: We are still concerned about receiving accurate information. Tony had a meeting later this week with Gerard Hopkins, Kariann Kittelberger, and Lauri Davis. We are still hoping to have Gerard with us on a full-time basis. Tony said Lisa Cummings can print report cards for us, if needed.
7. Hiring Committee for Subs: We do not need to interview returning subs. Tony is looking to hire two more substitutes in January and he would like to use our committee. He'd like to see the questions we ask and know what we look for - what makes a good fit? We explained that the process involves a meeting with some set questions and some impromptu, depending on their experience and knowledge of our program. We are under state review and cannot have students on a waiting list. The district is starting to look at budgeting numbers for the 2017-2018 school year.
8. New or Unfinished Business: We should be alerted when dangerous students enter our program. Tony has voiced our concerns to his supervisor and gives Kelly the information to share with us when he is made aware of it.

Next Planning Meeting: January 4th, 2017