

HIGH SCHOOL SHARED DECISION MAKING TEAM

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 10, 2009

Present: Lisa Belinsky – Parent
Elizabeth Johnson – Parent
Carol Egan – Parent
Lisa Carlin – Parent
Jennifer Landman – MEA
Ken Massetti – MEA
Mark Van Schenkhof - MEA
Patrick O’Reilly – MASA
Nicole Kopetic – MESPA
Donna Linden – MESPA
Amit Vora – student
Demitri Dedousis – student
Dr. Dean Schlanger – Principal

Absent: Mark Sippin – Assistant Principal

Facilitating: Ken Massetti

Minutes: Donna Linden

Approval of the minutes of May 13, 2009.

Discussion of last year’s initiatives were discussed. The topics were Battle of the Classes, Hoops on the Hill, Beyond the Hill, transition into college and Mix-it-Up.

The issue of the attendance policy was also discussed. It was discussed that it is not strictly enforced and the policy should be reviewed. When students make doctor appointments at the end of the day or doctor appointments during the day it is now listed as an unexcused absence.

The student government meeting discussed Battle of the Classes. It was a suggestion that students from 10th and 11th grade should be invited to the Shared Decision Team meetings. Should we also include 9th graders? Invite 1 student from grade 9 – 11 and 2 from grade 12.

President of the student government is on the Shared Decision Making Team now. Suggestion to include the President of each grade level with an alternate. A representative will be asked at the next meeting of the Student Government.

New Ideas

The interview process. Teach students how to conduct themselves in an interview process. Put into the school curriculum. Teach them how to interact with others. “Everything is technology based”. “This has to be the place to teach it”. Try to tie it into the curriculum. Social Etiquette, Civics. Proposing a Life Skills course, resume writing. Make it as a Schedule C for an advisor for interviews or resume writing, how to write a college essay.

Anti-Bias, Rachel’s Challenge, World of Difference are issues for the students to discuss.

Merge what we discussed today:

- 1. Battle of the Classes – scheduled for March, students have sub-committee in place. Have Mark Sippin meet with students council with the initiatives so that they will be ready for the March date.**
- 2. Schedule Mark Sippin for the December meeting to sort out the details for the Battle of the Classes.**
- 3. Community Service, a good idea for Shared Decision Making Team. Increase the grades to start from 9th through 12th grade. Invite Kim Cirque to the next meeting. The Guidance department monitors 85 hours or more.**
- 4. Beyond the Hill is a big issue to address. Will look into it. Invite Steve Leondis.**
- 5. Sub-committee for the attendance policy review.**
- 6. Testing Center – need a room for students who have missed a test.**
- 7. Identify areas in need for new endeavors.**

Next meeting is Wednesday, December 9th, 2009 at 11:22 in room 307.