

School Community Council
1/11/2012

Attendees: Lisa Larsen, Lisa Earl, Scott Sumner, Margie Holt, Jennifer Batchler, Cherae Ecalono, Laura Belnap, Mike Travis, Mike Bearden, Colleen Green, Tami Mickelsen, Darla Baker, Wendi Woolf

1. Internet safety - working to come up with policies to address issues that may come up. Templates for developing a policy were obtained through Adobe. Addressing what do we want technology to do for our school and what policies should we put in place.

2. Action Plan:

- a. Decrease the overall % of students who are failing classes. We have been addressing this by directing failing students during their eTime and during working lunches.
- b. Teacher collaboration - one way we are improving is demonstrated by the science department. Science 7 was spread out among all teacher which now drives collaboration among all the teachers in the science department. Math is doing some of the same thing.
- c. DRSL "Life long learner" - we stress the mission statement "Together We Learn for Life" with our students. We have signs around the building showing books that faculty and staff are reading. A week of service was sponsored by the PTSA and our Student Council. Great things came from this opportunity. Each term the administration goes around every term and does a quiz with the students about what kind of learner they are. They also talk about how to talk appropriately, bullying, etc. school policy.
- d. Methods to improve quality and timely communication with parents. We are continuing to learn what Skyward capabilities are there, i.e. the caller can notify parents when a student is failing. This will help push teachers to keep grades logged and parents notified. At-risk emails have been going home once a week so that parents know what is going on. We have been having meetings with our feeder schools regarding 6th graders to figure out the needs of each student. We also meet with the high schools trying to keep current with what is going on. We are trying to make accreditation a daily process. School goals are based on our accreditation. We continue to monitor the 4 essential questions. We specifically are working on ELL and Special Education. We are making changes to how we mainstream and have support classes available for the students.

3. School Improvement Plan:

There are three main areas needing approval from SCC.

- a. Decrease failing students by 5% while maintaining class rigor.
- b. Improve reading and writing.
- c. Improve overall math scores.

Ways we are working to accomplish these goals -

- a. We will continue to monitor and refine eTime and learning lunches for students at risk of failing. SST (Student Support Team) is part of this process to help parents know when their students are struggling.

- b. We are offering Read180 to those students who struggle. If they have a 1 or 2 on the CRT's, they are enrolled in Read180.
- c. Offer a guided studies class - smaller group setting to help work on goals and projects. Looking at a 1/20 ratio. We are also looking to add a guided math class that is funded by the trustlands.
- d. Math Lab - after school tutoring for any student struggling with math.
- e. Attendance accountability - we have put a lot of effort in to the attendance policy. We have seen great success in this area. Tardy policy is also included in this plan.

4. Trustlands

- a. MyAccess - Writing program. Attendees were given statistics on improvements.
- b. Explore Test - should we have trustlands pay for this or not. We are hearing that the district may be paying for this moving forward. This test is normed for 9th graders. This test gives them a score just like the ACT test does. They also get a ranking percentile. Students can also see what they missed and why. We feel this is the right step for our students.
- c. CRT #'s - 2010 Language was 91%, this last year was 93%. Math CRT was 90%, now is 91%. DWA was 94% and it dropped to 93%. AP Geography was 83%, now is 92%.
- d. Guided studies - Great to see those who need help getting the help they need. 32 students, 8 classes of curriculum. Only 12 classes were failed overall.
- e. Math Lab - We got started with this program a little late. 1st term we were only open for 10 days and we had 16 students use it. This term we had 47 students who used the lab.
- f. Read180 - 1st term - 86 students registered. 10,325 growth levels in lexile.

Mrs. Green gave statistics about how the trustland money is spent and what changes we would like to see. We would like to see if we can use some of the money for 7th grade science books.

MyAccess was also discussed. Everyone needs to look at the breakdown and decide if they agree on how to budget the money. Mike asked everyone to look over and let him or Scott know if there are concerns that need to be discussed.

5. School Improvement Plan

SCC should look at the trustland breakdown - plan to look it over and come up with any issues or concerns prior to our next meeting.

Due to time constraints, Mike Travis moved that we take the Trustland movie and also the School Improvement Plan discussion to our next meeting.

Meeting adjourned.