Site Council Meeting Notes: May 10, 2016

Attendance: Clair Smith, Riley Swanson, Stephanie Dilbone, Don Bacher, Melinda Bailey, Suzanne Jones, Deborah Lindsay, Whittaker

1) Housekeeping
   A. Review April Minutes
   B. Additions to the Agenda

2) Reports – None at this time

3) Action
   A. New Course/Planned Course Statements – Garrow earned a grant and will be trained by AP to teach the following course; AP Computer Science Principles; The Beauty and Joy of Computing. Number of students forecasted and approved students at 20. – Approved

   B. Schedule a retreat? (Create goal, find meaningful data)

   C. Invite an AVID representative to be on site council (or a site council person attend AVID)

   D. Small group met with Brent to go over what we talked about and give him feedback.
      Vision moving forward – Avid and site council seem to have quite a bit of overlap. Site council perhaps take on professional development opportunities or trainings. There are going to be teachers who administration is working with. They will need to send staff to trainings; may come from a different account. There needs to be a place for students, parents and staff to have input.

      Hard look at data – What data should site council look at and who wants to make decisions based on that data. Site council to look at creating solutions based on data.

      If site council wen to half day, what would a half day look like?

4) Discussion/Information
   A. Discussion of meeting on April 19, 2016 and subsequent meeting with Brent Belveal on May 9th.

Needing a system to get feedback and giving to admin so that they can make decisions. Even if the system was imperfect we have to start somewhere. Maybe bring back a Suggestion Box (students), the Idea Bank (staff), Remind Text. Nicole and Brandon -committee; perhaps a leadership project? Email students once a month for a reminder. Student /Parent Reminder at Registration. Reminders in Pride period to check email…

What would Site Council Agenda look like?

Curriculum/PCS – knowing where the new courses scope and sequence comes from is helpful and approving new courses. Where is the discussion about what classes should be taken out; site council versus department?

School Improvement Plan – Still have to do it (OK). Make it more public; three key things to send to staff students and parents. (Making data cool committee – Jill)

Staff development – Perhaps two pots of staff development money; one Belveal and one Site Council. What are guidelines for applying? Might impact how many times we met and the need to have it ready for fall. Make it requirement that there be some kind of discussion what you did and gave a report to staff or Site Council? Some kind of follow up needed.

Short June meeting to get some of these things set up…

Meet fewer times next year… Subs would have to be available. If things will change there may be a need to meet once a month for the first couple months. Maybe meet in committees then give report back to Site Council. There will be a need for a couple longer meetings. Maybe a summer meeting – registration (August 24th)

Site Council is in the process of reinventing itself and improving for next school year. We have identified a few target areas where we believe we can assist the administration and make our school a better place for staff and students. Those areas are include the following:

- · Feedback – Site Council will attempt to create a system to get feedback from parents, students and staff in an efficient way so that the administration can access and use the information in their decision-making process.
- · Publicity and Communication– A major focus next year will be publicizing what is happening on campus, both to the outside community and within our school. Great things are happening here and too many people are unaware of it. Also included in this goal is a desire to increase communication with staff.
- · Data – One area that the administration has identified as a need is with data. Next year, the Site Council will work together to decide what date is important to collect, analyze and interpret so that the decisions being made on campus are calculated and effective.
- Professional Development- Site Council will become a clearinghouse for grants-in-aid for staff who want to attend conferences and may help administration determine professional development needs of the staff as a whole or for departments.

In order for the Site Council to truly represent our campus, it is crucial that we have representation from every section. While we currently have a great group, we could use additional teacher members from the following areas:
- · English
- · CTE
- · AVID
- · Special Education