

Steering Committee 12/3/15

In attendance:

Justin & Cherie Trondson

Walter Redfern

Joan Sandberg

Ann Eng

Frank Cantwell

Denise Hemingway

I. Frank attended Middle school Information Nights

A. Pacific MS was on Tuesday and there were a good amount of 6th graders in attendance.

B. Sylvester was on Thursday and was mostly 7th & 8th graders.

C. Monday and Tuesday of the coming week will have meetings at Cascade and Chinook.

D. Discussion about sibling being grandfathered acceptance took place.

1. At this point, they have no priority.

2. There is concern for our families with younger siblings.

3. Emails

a. To the Superintendent about the issue.

b. PSO email to inform parents about issue and get them to also act on emailing the Superintendent or attending one of her meeting times.

E. Question about whether or not school has any say in who is accepted.

1. No, but District has to provide Special Ed services which has not happened in the past.

2. District is already making us take HS students because we have space available.

3. Process will include an interview after the lottery as an informational get to know the school kind of thing.

II. Math Tracks

A. Current math track looks like this: 7th – Algebra 1 (8th) – Geometry (9th) – Algebra 2 (10th)

1. Some students struggle with this model.
2. We might get some lower end math students with the lottery. Math was one of the determining factors used in our previous selection process.

B. Propose a two track system to look include the previous model and also:

7th – 8th – Algebra 1 (9th) – Geometry (10th) – Algebra 2 (11th)

1. 7th grade year would be like a placement test including looking at grades, HBA results, and parent involvement in decision of which track to follow.
2. If there is an issue with the Algebra 1 track, students can transfer to the 8th grade math track.

C. The advanced track runs the risk of not passing the Math Smarter Balanced test in 11th grade due to not taking math that year.

D. 8th grade is currently doing Algebra 1 M-Th and 8th grade Math of Fri to get the HBA standards in.

E. Question about what happens if you don't pass the Math test for graduation.

1. Answer, you can retake the test and/or do a collection of evidence.
2. CHOICE identifies students who need help and offers tutoring.

III. Accreditation Meeting tomorrow 12/4/15

- A. All are invited.
- B. Include Math Track in Accreditation?

IV. Mr Cantwell wants to push for Spanish 1 & 2.

- A. Could be more rigorous.
- B. Will be a graduation requirement for our current 7th graders. (? Do I have that correct)

V. OSPI Audit – off site electives are audited and if they are not up to standard, CHOICE loses FTE for that period for that student which can add up.

VI. Looking at PBIS Manual – Bullying

- A. Amend to define as “intentionally” offend as some students offend but really didn't intend to.
- B. All ok'd. PBIS Manual is done.

VII. Accreditation needs parent involvement in School Improvement Plan.

VIII. Data Summit

A. F7P, HBA, Grades, Attendance all used for identifying students needing intervention.

B. Greenberg, Powers, Winn – reading / Kaur – math

IX. Still trying to push club activities.

A. Greenberg is doing a music club during Monday lunch.

B. Justin Trondson would like to do a Cribbage Club.

C. Ann Eng offered a Pokemon Club.

X. Friday Home Study Pass.

A. It would benefit students to be here.

B. The Survey Monkey results were something close to 65% of parents and 90% of students wanting to keep the current model.

C. A Phase Out Plan was suggested where two Friday a month would be required and the others would be available for earning the Home Study Pass.

D. There was concern about transportation for the students as the pre-noon release time could be difficult on parent schedules.

Misc.

January 7 – PSO

January 14 – Open House

January 21 – Steering Committee

Applications are available starting January 4th and close on the 29th.