

Steering Committee Minutes 01/13/17

In attendance: Frank, Denise Hemingway, Ann Eng, Vanessa Halen

Minutes from the last meeting were read.

1. Service Learning Project: Looking for a parent(s) to lead a SLP. Ideas for a SLP include possibly cleaning a portion of SR-509, cleaning a park (safety issues brought up regarding drug paraphernalia), and doing a spring time food drive (food banks often run low at that time of the year).

2. The district is changing the Annual Action Plan. They want the schools to do the same by setting up department teams to establish student growth goals and let administration know what they need for training to achieve those goals. CHOICE has set their teams as ELA & Social Studies and Science & Math.

3. Home schooled elective presentations will be happen on January 18.

4. Finals start January 20.
 - ELA 1/20
 - Math 1/23
 - Science 1/24
 - Social Studies 1/25

5. HBA Schedule:
 - Winter Math: 1/31 - 2/1.
 - Spring Reading: 3/14
 - Spring Math: 3/28-29

6. Smarter Balanced Testing will be May 4-19.

7. Previous HBA and SB scores were gone over.

-Staff identified students who are behind in High Schools to spend 2 weeks getting caught up during their elective time.

-Focused reading will take place on Fridays during February and March. Those identified as needing extra reading help will spend a two hour block with Mrs. Powers. Grades 7 & 8 will spend 1st & 2nd period with her while grades 9 & 10 will spend 3rd & 4th period with her. Her 7th and 8th graders who are not in the focused reading will spend their Social Studies period in the Computer Lab.

8. Next year's schedule has been drafted but is not finalized at this time.

9. Friday Home Study Passes were talked about again in reference to students not being able to get the extra help those days use to provide and how the extra math focused Advisory is not enough.

-The tutoring schedule was brought up (ELA on Tuesdays with Mayer and Math on Wednesdays with Kaur & Clymer) as was the 5th period Math & Writing Labs.

10. The district is looking at moving to Standards Based Grading. Mr. Cantwell shared a presentation he made to go over the ideas of SBG. There was discussion about the positives and negatives/difficulties around this method of grading.