



# Lloyd Harbor School School Improvement Team

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## **Agenda:**

1. Review goals
2. Create an action plan
3. Preparation for Shared Decision Making/Joint SIT

## **SEPTEMBER NOTES**

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3:38pm

Introductions

What is SIT? What are our goals? Go around and talk about own ideas for SIT.

Parents met once before and came up with some ideas.

### **BRAIN BOOSTER**

- A brain booster - a minute before tests or when kids have been sitting for a while, jumping jacks or running in place, something to stimulate the brain. Has been used before and has good results. Start small and find something that could carry on. Especially the lower grades, 6<sup>th</sup> graders move enough won't need to be included.
- SV - found a program called DREAM, works with children who get anxious when they are going to take tests, its 'yogaish'.

Character building and **MANNERS COUNT.**

- CB - Several people have mentioned it to me, the kids especially the shy kids need to be able to look someone in the eye and talk to them. Another quick 30 second manners awareness talk, walk into room shake hands with teacher, say good morning, or at the end of the day, quick thing throughout the day, turn to the person next to you and introduce the other person, just to get students more aware of manners. Could be done in the lunchroom with the lunch aids, please and thank you, etc.
- SD - increasing respect and civility, possibly picking 1 day a month to do "manners counts"
- VM - mix it up at lunch day?

### **BUDDY DAY**

- CP - Buddy Day? Could be combined with Manners Count.
- KF - Would have to be an honor system, did the student use good manners that day, the classroom teacher would have to be the judge of which student gets a Good Manners sticker that day, send letter home to parents telling them why students did well.
- CP - Buddy day is 2 fold, the younger kids, 2<sup>nd</sup> graders buddy up with 3<sup>rd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> buddy with 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> with 6<sup>th</sup>, etc. Teach older kids how to take younger kids under their wing, show them what the next grade is all about. There have been studies that say teaching kids responsibilities of helping younger kids, it thwarts tendencies for bullying it engrains helping and teaching and being kind.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> concept - take away all the mystique for the kids when nervous about going on to the next grade. Could create community, dispel jitters of moving up a grade. Could start where some of the 2<sup>nd</sup> graders could go to lunch with 3<sup>rd</sup> graders, 4<sup>th</sup> could go to lunch with 5<sup>th</sup> graders

- KF – can switch classes and lunch periods so they hang out together at lunch
- VM have to assign buddy
- CP – We could expand it so that if we did the buddy program, it could be lunch, or specials? Or later on in the year.
- KF – Felt that individual grades care about themselves, need to care more about each other.
- VM – maybe just grades 2-5. Music could do 2<sup>nd</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup>. We could use icebreakers or bingo where you find someone who has the same birthdays as you. Cafeteria is the best place to do that. – decide by who sits where, we could incorporate it all together.
- KF – could use SIT members to volunteer and help out
- VM – timing it with the spirit days is good, give each Spirit day a meaning- not just wearing your shirt.

KF – Students need a confidence booster or public/leadership sort of activity

### OTHER

- VM – The way we do awards at the end of the year –Maybe we reexamine through SIT
- CP – **Give kids a chance to shine** is separate from the awards thing, more of a leadership opportunity,
- VM – Talking about getting a big flat screen ... main lobby, gym foyer (bottle necking?)
- KF – Buddy system, ask kids what is one thing you would like to accomplish while you are at Lloyd Harbor? Maybe have an assembly for different things, to show different accomplishments, creative writing, poetry, etc.
- MD – Student newspaper?
- BC – Officers and SC could come into SIT to talk about classes sponsoring the LHTV news
- VM – Another parent’s idea about putting into effect **a consistent discipline code**. Maybe we could develop some sort of survey to ask teachers what they do. KF – has to be done delicately because you want to push positive reinforcement. Could be dangerous because once you start getting into very poor disciplined children.

Next Steps:

VM In October lets make a timeline and see what we want to take on first  
SV to ask PE about 60 second exercises for the classroom

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# "Move-To-Improve" LHS SIT 2013-14

**Brain Booster** - Stimulating the brain with short fitness breaks to refocus and reenergize.

IDEAS:

Involve PE teachers

Create a document for teachers to give them ideas for indoor and outdoor exercise opportunities

## **Manners Counts**

IDEAS:

Buddy Day – Lunch with mixed grade levels, letting students sit anywhere, etc.

Discipline Code for LHS

Random Act of Kindness

## **Give Kids A Chance to Shine**

IDEAS:

Evaluate the way we do awards

Opportunities for students...

Celebrating success...