SIT December 7th 2015

Notes

SIT members: Present. Kaitlyn C., , Paige D., Karen Ferradino, Helena Grossman, Chris Homer, Olivia H., Judy Innella, Amanda L, Joseph Monastero, Allie P., Avery P. Anabela Rivadeneira, Tricia Sihksnel, and Matt Sneider, Marie Strunk. Stephanie DiNozzi, Beth Packert. Absent: Joyce Schmieder, Jay Matuk and Jilliam C.

Next SIT meeting 2:40 1/4/2016

Attendance was taken – Meeting started at 2:50 PM

- Minutes were reviewed and updated
- Discussion occurred on the Sr. Gown colors for graduation.
 - One student discussed how the topic was discussed in her class on her topic. She felt the class discussion was fair and balanced.
 - The topic of honor society attire did not come up with the gowns during Social Studies class discussion with the students. A few students during a student government meeting that the wearing of the honor society attire during graduation divides the class at a time when the class should be united.
 - One member mentioned that the state recommends one color for graduation gowns.
 - During senior level classes the topic of graduation gown color was/will be discussed and a poll on how the student felt about the topic will be taken. The conversation will continue within the building.
- Clubs for the fall of 2016-2017
 - O How will the clubs be distributed and sold to the students and parents?
 - Ms. Grossman discussed that some students feel the clubs may not meet up to the expectation of the club.
 - All the students on SIT stated that the clubs do as they say they will and that they enjoy the clubs
 - Mr. Matuk and Mr. Monastero will work on this
 - Ask Mr. Bongino to come to the next SIT meeting to discuss;
 - Intramurals for students who don't make a sports team
 - Having an after school cardio program for students
 - Having an after school strength and conditioning program for students
 - At the HS level of sports there 3 seasons and students can't fit in a 4th sport like the Jr. High (Modified) level can.
 - Talked the newer sports of fencing and cheering

- Asked if anyone had a goal for the SIT
 - A student mentioned allowing Jr's to park on campus during the school day.
 - Possibly open up Jim Amen Field for student parking students do not like taking the bus when they have a full Jr. License.
 - Some students drive when they get their Jr. license and park in the streets surrounding the Jr./Sr HS Campus
 - o More drivers will cause more traffic
 - o Distance from Jim Amen Field to the building is great
 - Will be an issue during poor weather
 - Additional security would be needed
 - Jr. Drivers do not have experience driving
 - Too many in the car.
- Some HS sports may not let out teams in time for busses
 - The Sit will talk to Mr. Bongino on this topic
- Issue for next meeting Ms. Ferradino.
 - Giving kids time to shine
 - Collaborate and work together
 - Student who do not fit in the district, get them to fit in with the students.
 - Ms. Ferradino stated that she believes that some students graduate not feeling that they fit in with a group
 - How can we make all kids love their experience in the building
 - Students listed the many programs the school offers to help students "fit in"
 - The natural helpers can address this
 - o Challenge day, 8th grade trip to Caumsett, 7th grade orientation, Washington D.C. trip, the many presentations, the 2 drop in rooms, the many clubs and sport teams and the staff all work to make students fit in
- Possible goal discussed School wide Olympics for the building
 - This event may unite the building as one
 - o There are single or event school spirit
 - Allow for cheer and praise for everything not just athletics
- o Possible Goals discussed- How to get students out to the events that we already run
 - i.e. Coffee house jam
- o Student insight into Challenge Day.
 - A good experience over all. But the program may not have changed who they were friends are.

- Most felt it was a positive event.
 - The big take away was having a mutual respect for each other
- Challenge day is a life changing event for many
- Ms. Strunk stated that the H-1 and the Nest are fun and very popular
- The need for a 9th grade program (the school administration is working on this already)
- For the next meeting
 - o Invite Either Mr. Bongino or Dr. Acconi to discuss either sports or the Drop in program respectively.
- Meeting ended at 4:13
- Submitted By Joe Monastero SIT secretary