

SIT January 2015

Notes

SIT members: Present. Kaitlyn C. , Helen Daly, Stephanie DiNozzi, Helena Grossman, Chris Homer, Olivia H., Judy Innella, Amanda L., Jay Matuk , Joseph Monastero, Allie P., Anabella Rivadeneira, Joyce Schmieder, Tricia Sihksnel, and Matt Sneider, Guest Speaker: Ms. Allison Halloran (Head of community service program)

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Attendance was taken and the previous meetings notes were approved for posting – Meeting started at 2:46 PM

Guest -Ms. Halloran (Social Studies Teacher and head of the community service program) discussed with the group volunteering and opportunities availed at Cold Spring Harbor.

- National Honor society at the High School and Jr High School commitments were reviewed (see individual websites – [Jr. High Link](#) and [High School Link](#))
- Maggie F. reviewed a program she worked on where she collected school supplies and sent them to South Africa
- Paige D. and Kaitlyn C. reviewed the Dodge ball and HI HI programs
- The team then moved to the Senior Experience idea that was previously discussed.
 - The possible double counting of Senior Experience required hours for graduation
 - Current in-house programs - Peer mentoring, student tutoring and Homework help were discussed
 - Question, do we need more engagement for the seniors.
 - Looking to go back to previous workshops
 - Small group topics
 - Finances
 - Roommates
 - Laundry
 - Relationships
 - Drugs / alcohol
 - Topics for the workshops have to be interesting for the students
 - Possible topics for new workshops (at the end of the year)
 - What it is to be a collegiate athlete
 - Going to a commuter school
 - Possible use of graduates to talk with the students
- Outdoor graduation
 - Positive and negatives were discusses. Mostly weather related
 - Discussion of testing

- Mr. Monastero discussed testing days
 - Students were very happy with the way testing days have been working this year
 - Student stated how staff was very flexible and willing to provide alternate testing when there were overlapping assessments
 - Mr. Homers stated that some students have multiple tests on his testing day
 - A survey was presented to the staff and the data was shared with the team
 - A plurality of staff felt that assessments that were more than 20 minutes long should be counted as a test.
 - Quizzes can be any day
 - Staff felt that one day per week for testing is very limiting for teaching material.
 - Many staff were fine with switching to a two day per cycle or week testing.
 - The Team felt, as did the staff, that time is not the most important factor in determining the category of an assessment (test/quiz) assessment. The value of the assessments in points was felt to be the most important factor.
 - Paige D. stated that some students over exaggerate the quantity and point value of assessments.
 - Ms. Grossman stated that there will be times in life where there will be a lot of work on one day and not much on others. And that this is part of life.
 - Mr. Matuk stated that time management is key for assessment taking and preparation.
 - The team agreed that students should not “Cram” for assessments.
 - Possible pilot new testing days (2 per cycle) will run in the Spring
- Discussion of having a 3rd testing day to help with foreign language finals
 - Ms. Grossman and Ms. Dinozzi reviewed their meeting Ms. Cambria
 - Reviewed all the data on current Guidance web page and possible changes
 - From Grade 6 to 12
 - Meetings, etc.
 - Need for more Public Relations is needed to advertise all the great stuff on the site
 - Invite New Director Andrew Rosenberg to the next meeting
- Setting up sub committees
 - Senior workshops will be done in-house.
 - Guidance website committee will be developed
 - The early scheduling process for the 15-16 school year was discussed and outlined.
 - Meeting ended at 3:55
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