

SIT December 1st 2014

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., Anabela Rivadeneira, Joyce Schmieder, Tricia Sihksnel, and Matt Sneider, Guest Speaker: Ms. Noreen Cambria (Director of Guidance)

Next SIT meeting 2:40 1/5/2015

Attendance was taken – Meeting started at 2:46 PM

- The committee reviewed the previous meetings notes
 - The minutes were approved anonymously without any adjustments.
- Ms. DiNozzi reviewed the topics covered during the previous meeting.
- Mr. Matuk discussed the topic of programs and events that seniors experience and can participate in towards the end of the school year.
 - Some programs types were discussed with the team
 - Ms. Cambria discussed the programs
 - Quality of program was an important concern of Ms. Cambria
 - Ms. Cambria shared that students are very focused on Academics, especially in Advanced Placement courses. This drive will limit the opportunities that will be accepted by students.
 - Also the limited amount of time that is available to the students is limited due to the dates Advanced Placement exams are administered.
 - The Virtual Enterprise program was discussed. Shared were the details that occur during the two period course.
 - Ms. Cambria discussed the costs related to an internship program. .2 to .4 of a teacher would be required. Years of efforts are required before a solid program is in place.
 - Question from Mr. Homer – Will moving graduation to later in the month allow for more time for students to participate in an internship.
 - Answer – This change in time will add a maximum of 2 weeks which is will make 4 weeks total of contact time.
 - Question from Ms. Dinozzi to the student members of the SIT. Do you (the students) have any interests for internships? – not a high interest was returned
 - Ms. Cambria discussed past efforts to have a career day for the students. Many times when communicating the community a very limited response came back to the district when requesting parents.
 - Question from Ms. Daly – Do we have a program for seniors at the end of school year. . Answer – The programs have varied over the years. Students were not actively involved in programs

- Paige D. Cultural experiences are valuable for students. She shared her own experiences she had over the summer. Many students agreed with the notion that travel to foreign locations has value. Student members of SIT shared experiences they have and what some of their friends have had.
- Ms. Cambria agrees that any experience that widens a student's eyes is great for a students. This events can take place locally and will not cost \$\$\$\$
- The 8th grade Caumsett program was discussed as a way to bring student together
- Mr. Matuk discussed the involvement with "Save the Children", Habitat for Humanity. This is a program that might work in CSH. Food Banks are also wonderful programs for students
- Avery - Locally is fun for a trip, But staying with students over long period of time builds friendships.
- Mr. Matuk disused the program that Mr. Harlan Cohen presented to students about college life. The program is very real to life. Students felt that the program was fine but did not have realistic impact on their college life. The experiences that students are going to college are so varying that any single program will not come close to covering students.
- There is the possibility of many small programs, were groups of 15-20 students participate in an experience.
- The use of a club to explore trips and student experiences was discussed with the group.
- Mr. Matuk discussed having Ms. Halloran come in and discuss the current programs that are currently running in the building. Link to opportunities on Ms. Halloran's web site [Click Here](#).
- Paige D. Reminded that the programs need to be spread around the year to accommodate all students.
- Ms. Cambria discussed that colleges don't always see overseas programs as good thing. Local programs are often looked as very good programs
- Time Management for students with a distressing component
 - Ms. Grossman Discussed a plan she outlined on paper (see second attachment)
 - Ms. Cambria discussed that most of the items reviewed are currently done by the guidance department. Currently the only missing part is one booklet. Link to Guidance Site [Click Here](#)
 - Paige D. Discussed that students do not listen to the program even though looking back she should have.
 - Ms. DiNozzi discussed developing a road map for the students and parents to follow.
 - Discussion of the pros and cons ensued.
 - Possible methods to distribute this information. Moving the Guidance link to the top of the page will occur. The link can now also be found on the introduction splash page of the district under quick links. Title Jr/Sr HS Counseling Ctr.
 - Please review the attached data
- Mr. Matuk Discussed data from the testing day survey
 - The data was discussed with the TEAM

- 50% of staff was interested with having each department have 2 days per week for testing.
- 28% liked the current system
- Mr. Monastero and Mr. Matuk will be attending the HS student government meeting in the coming week
- 20 minutes was the overall consensus as a minimum time of the assessment to count for testing days.
- The topic will be discussed at the next facility meeting
- Next meeting is January 5th
- Meeting ended at 4:09
- Next meeting- 2:40 1/5/2015