

West Side School
School Improvement Team
Thursday, January 12, 2012
Minutes

SIT Members

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Goals: To finalize plan for older students to work with younger grades during indoor recess and to continue to brainstorm possible ideas for a gift our students could create for the CSHHS 50th Anniversary celebration.

Leadership Opportunities for Students:

- 🍂 Reviewed letter to the students about the opportunity of working with the younger students in the school.
- 🍂 Encourages students to work with their peers in other classes. However, no more than three students to a group.
- 🍂 It was decided to pilot the new program with the 6th grade. Small and manageable
- 🍂 The schedule allows 6th graders to work with the 2nd graders without the loss of instructional time.
- 🍂 Letter drafted to 6th grade students explaining the program.
- 🍂 6th grade teachers could brainstorm with the entire grade of possible lessons they could “teach” or other ways to work with the 2nd graders during indoor recess.
- 🍂 It was decided that students could begin immediately if they turn in their lesson plans.
- 🍂 Deadline for submission of lesson plans will be Mid-Winter Break.

CSHHS 50th Anniversary Gift:

- 🍂 Each grade represents one of the five decades:
 - Presidents
 - Culture and technology
 - History and current events
 - Most popular book, etc.
- 🍂 Look at old yearbooks and newspapers – How has the text and information changed?
- 🍂 Final product from student body could be something framed
- 🍂 Could include something about CSHHS and WSS from 50 years ago
- 🍂 Possibility of digital framing