

West Side School
School Improvement Team
Thursday, October 13, 2011
Minutes

SIT Members







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The SIT members discussed the goals for the 2011-2012 school year which are building school spirit, increasing leadership opportunities for students, and creating a gift for CSHHS's 50th anniversary.





A Shared Decision Making meeting will take place on Thursday, October 20th at 3:45 in the board room at district office.

2011-2012 Goals


Goal 1 – Build School Spirit

-  Introduce West Side Wednesday by November which will take place during the last Wednesday of every month
-  Students, teachers, and parents encouraged to wear their West Side apparel on these days
-  The Art Department will have logo contest for 6th graders which will go on t-shirts for the entire school to wear. A benefit of the t-shirts is also for grades 2-3 to wear on field trips.
-  Each month will have a new theme where students have the opportunity to highlight a positive moment that happened at school during the month.
-  One entry, which is optional for all students, will be chosen and mentioned in the Friday Notes, posted on the bulletin board outside the main office, and shared during the morning assembly.
-  More opportunities will be created this spring, specifically in May and June, to mix our children up in order to give them the chance to meet students in other grades as well as teachers they have not had the opportunity to work with. This is similar to our Summer Reading Program.

Goal 2 – Leadership for Students Program

-  This year the School Improvement Team will provide leadership opportunities for the children of West Side where they get the chance to lead their peers and mentor younger children.
-  An example given was the Bus Assistant program now available for 5th and 6th graders who were nominated by their teachers for their demonstration of leadership qualities.
-  We will possibly have older students read to younger students during indoor recess, a buddy system where our older students mentor younger children, present as mystery readers, and have older students teaching lessons such as how to make origami during indoor recess.
-  For our younger students they could sign up to be class helpers for a week where they are allowed to pick activities such as making beaded necklaces and teach their peers.

Goal 3 – Gift for CSHHS 50th Anniversary

-  For the gift, we will work with the historical committee to discuss where we were as a school 50 years ago and explore the artifacts left behind as a way of reflecting on where kids were in the early 1960s as inspiration for West Side's gift to the high school.