

West Side School

School Improvement Team
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Minutes

SIT Members

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Goal: To provide our graduating 6th graders with an opportunity to reflect and celebrate their growth as learners during student-led reflections. In the spring, they will be provided with a chance to speak about specific projects and writing assignments they have completed over their careers.

Notes:

- Team watched video of sample student-led conference
- Thought of creating a logo for this project
- Students should focus on their strengths and weaknesses and provide specific examples
- Will provide students with 1/2 inch binders to keep work samples
- Provide students time to practice with peers before going in to present
- Instead of parents and teachers asking them questions, we will provide them with a graphic organizer to help them present. Questions may come up naturally.
- Buckets of possible questions:
 - Students choose core values
 - SEL
 - Academic
 - My growth/weakness
 - Change
 - Showing grit/kindness
 - Specific subjects
- Ways I have changed as a learner...
- I am most proud of...
- Something my parents might not know...
- An "aha moment" for me was when...
- Expectations for next year (7th grade) are...
- Create a letter from the SIT Team to parents
- Parent survey and student survey on Google Forms at the conclusion of the project.
- Students can choose an area to talk about that we might have missed.
- Timeline:
 - Dec – Packet completed

- Jan – Speak to 6th graders and send letter to parents
 - Feb/Mar – Mr. Simon to have lunch with 6th graders in small groups
 - April – use Sign-up Genius to allow parents and teachers to sign-up for SLRs
 - May/June – SLRs
- Provide 6th graders with checklist to use in preparation
 - Copy info from spirals (Reader's Notebook) if necessary

SIT Homework:

Meet with 5th/6th grade team

Create Google doc to begin packet