

## **High School Planning Council Minutes**

### **9/14/10**

Members Present: Maryellen Symer, Jen Adams, Melissa Thomas, Tim Brunson, Donna Thomas, Brian Kane, Stephanie Andrejcek, Jen Jonaitis, Jackie Grassmann, Amy Durant, Marta Roberts-Pekar, Lia Mavridou, Helen Smrstik, Laurie Kruppenbacher, Jordan Armstrong

#### **Announcements:**

#### **SGO**

- Jordan Armstrong is the SGO representative to Planning Council. He is hoping to have an underclassman also represent SGO on Planning Council.
- Leadership Day is Friday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. The Eric Zagorda Tribute Cyclists have had to cancel but students will still see a presentation from a National Guardsman who was involved in the Gulf Coast oil spill clean-up.
- Homecoming is October 9<sup>th</sup> this year. SGO is trying something new by offering the Pep rally rain or shine on Friday night followed by the dance (which has traditionally been on Saturday). There will be presale tickets available during lunch prior to October 9<sup>th</sup> (\$2 for pep rally, \$6 for dance, \$8 for both). The day of the event tickets can be purchased at an increase of \$1.
- SGO will also be offering Giffy's BBQ as a fundraising dinner on Saturday.

#### **PTSA**

- The parent representative to Planning Council is Laurie Kruppenbacher.
- PTSA had its first meeting on September 13<sup>th</sup>.
- They need a Reflections Coordinator.
- PTSA is looking to boost membership this year. Dues are \$5 for adults and \$4 for students. There will be a membership table set up in the lobby on back to school night. Parents can also join during homeroom on back to school night with homeroom teachers. If teachers collect dues, they can be placed in the PTSA mailbox in the mail room. Once dues are processed, membership cards will be issued to members.
- The pie fundraiser that was held last Spring raised approximately \$1200 for the auditorium. The plan is to do this again next Spring.

#### **Cabinet**

- Cabinet meets on September 15<sup>th</sup>.
- A special education teaching position has been added and posted since the start of this school year.
- The NCAA has rejected several "core" classes. An appeal has been filed and the district is waiting for a response. In the meantime, any students who may be NCAA eligible are working with their guidance counselors to make sure they meet the requirements for eligibility.
- A topic that has been discussed is the creation of general back to school supply list for each department (with the disclaimer that additional supplies may be requested by individual teachers).

## **Old Business:**

### **Freshman Orientation**

- Next year homeroom teachers will be asked to review the bus schedule with the 9<sup>th</sup> graders.
- The orientation program should be scheduled in non-9<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms so that those teachers have time to work in their rooms prior to meeting their classes in the afternoon.
- The LTP students were very helpful and a lot of positive feedback has been received regarding these students and the program.
- There was some confusion having both A and B days on Friday, the first day of classes. In the future the organization of this day will depend on the school calendar.

## **New Business:**

### **Opening Week Concerns**

- As staff members begin to use Powerteacher some concerns have arisen. For example:
  - no seating chart option
  - cannot see the students' guidance counselors
  - if students add or drop a course the schedule change does not show up until the next class meeting
  - Powerschool training was minimal and done the day before school started.
  - People are feeling overwhelmed. When and how will grade book training occur?
- Sophomores and juniors had an assembly with the administrators on the first two days of school. Next Fall a meeting with the senior class will also be scheduled.
- Teachers appreciated having time in their classrooms to get set-up and organized thanks to the first faculty meeting starting at 2:30.
- Class sizes are large and students are not getting the courses they desire.
- A reminder to keep students in classrooms until the bell rings.
- First meeting dates for the building committees should be scheduled. When the committees meet they can decide on co-chairs, future meeting dates, and action plans.