

High School Planning Council Minutes

9/13/11

Members Present: Maryellen Symer, Melissa Thomas, Siena Wilder, Dan LeClaire, Chris Reach, Jackie Grassmann, Renee Tolan, Kelly Leone, Amy Durant, Tim Brunson, Pete Mody, Chris Gangemi

Absent: Lia Mavridou, Dante DiPrimio, Helen Smrstik, Laurie Kruppenbacher

Announcements:

SGO:

- Leadership day is Friday, September 16th. Class/club officers and advisors will meet to plan the year.
- SGO is currently planning Homecoming events for the weekend of October 14th.
- The pep rally has been changed to Friday, October 14th during 4th block. Students with academic high honors will be given recognition at this pep rally as well.
- There will be a chicken BBQ and DJ will be present for the pep rally and Homecoming Dance.

PTSA:

- The first meeting of the school year was Monday, September 12th.
- Freshmen Parent and Student Night is scheduled for Wednesday, September 14th at 7:00pm in the cafeteria.
- The PTSA will do the pie fundraiser again this year in the spring and a cookie fundraiser in the winter.
- The PTSA has gifted the High School \$5,000 and asked Maryellen to determine how the funds will be spent.
- PTSA meets every other month. The next meeting will occur in November.
- Chris Gangemi has served as the teacher rep to PTSA for the past three years. If you would like to serve as a teacher representative to PTSA, please let Maryellen know. Chris will be stepping down and a new teacher representative is needed for the PTSA council. Thank you Chris for your years of representing the teachers at PTSA meetings.

CSEA:

- To show solidarity CSEA members will wear shirts with the CSEA logo and local 886 every payday during the school year.

Cabinet:

- Will meet on Weds. Sept. 14th. They will be discussing Regents scoring procedures for January and June. NYSED has not released a January exam schedule yet.

Old Business

- ◆ **Freshmen Orientation** ran smoothly this year. Some students asked about locating and accessing their lockers. The PowerPoint presentations for presenters will be stored in a shared folder on the server so they are easy to locate each year.
- ◆ **First day of school** – a survey will be distributed to the faculty regarding the schedule for the first day of school.
- ◆ **Opening week concerns:**
 - ◆ Questions were raised regarding taking Hazcom training online rather than during the opening Superintendent's Conference Day. It is an option that the district can look into.
 - ◆ Learning labs are large (30+) and some teachers did not even have enough seats for the students assigned. This made the first few days difficult especially with the library and cafeteria closed. If the library was open sooner, students with no work to do during the first few days could get something to read.
 - ◆ Posting student supply lists on the district website was briefly discussed.

New Business

- ◆ **Homeroom Changes** – Input regarding the change to homeroom was discussed. Some teachers feel that students are more attentive during announcements than they were when announcements were made over the PA system. Traveling homeroom teachers have several concerns including the time necessary to travel to a different room, log into a computer and powerschool and access the announcements all before 9:22am. Some traveling teachers do not believe the changes to homeroom have alleviated any of the issues they had in the past. The academic climate committee will continue to review homeroom procedures and the purpose of homeroom throughout this school year. Maryellen will follow-up with traveling homeroom teachers and teachers assigned to those rooms during first block.
- ◆ **Parent Portal Pilot** – The parent portal will go live for everyone the second semester of this school year. A list of teachers interested in participating in the pilot during first semester has been generated. Grades will be visible for any teachers that have students in common with a participating teacher. Therefore, teachers who do not want their grades visible by parents must set the due date to the last day of the 5 week period or end of the quarter. You must do this for every individual assignment. Information regarding the Parent Portal will be shared with parents on “Back to School” night. A letter will also be sent home with login information when 5-week reports are mailed out or possibly sooner.

Building Committee Meeting Schedule

- **Guiding Coalition** – Will meet Wednesday, September 14th at 2:30 in the Principal’s Conference Room.
- **Academic Climate** – Will meet Thursday, September 15th at 2:30 in the Principal’s Conference Room. Please contact Amy Durant or Tim Brunson if you are interested in working with this committee.
- **Technology/Powerschool** – Will meet Tuesday, September 20th at 2:30 in room 219. Please contact Brad Thomas or Pete Mody if you are interested in working with this committee.
- **Staff Development** – Is meeting on September 21st.
- **Bullying/Dignity for All** – Will meet on September 28th. Please contact Tim Brunson if you are interested in working with this committee.
- **Health & Wellness** – Will meet on Tuesday, September 27th during AAP in room 209. Please contact Danielle Manning or Carolyn Litynski if you are interested in working with this committee.
- **Safety & Security** – Has not set a meeting date yet. Please contact Renee Tolan or Maryellen Symer if you are interested in working with this committee.
- **RTI** - Has not set a meeting date yet. Please contact Lia Mavridou if you are interested in participating in this committee.