

Site Council Minutes 11/4/15

North Valley High School



Present: Dennis Misner, Stephanie Phillips, Jeaneen Beagley, Mary Jane Taylor, Kelly Turner

Overview of Professional Learning Starts

Mr. Misner asked Kelly Turner to explain what we have been working on in some of our late start meetings. Kelly Turner explained how the teachers were rewriting their goals. It took longer for them to get them done because they were waiting on the State's new rules before moving forward. The state rules for evidence to support goals are focused around grades 4-8 this year so most of our teachers have taken the same goals they had last year and are working with them. She explained how she measures her student growth using her student's written work. Mr. Misner also spoke briefly about how we are using our Professional Learning Collaboration groups to move our curriculum forward. Student Learning Goals are due Nov. 20.

Parent Conferences/Student Led Conferences

Mr. Misner spoke about the upcoming conferences on November 18th and 19th and encouraged everyone to attend with their student. There was discussion about the new Student Led Conferences. The idea is that the student will lead the parent and teacher through the conference. Mr. Misner explained that this concept came from schools that had advisory and that our superintendent has used them in the past and found them successful as a way to improve communication.

Quarter Grades vs. Semester Grades

Mr. Misner wanted everyone to know that quarter grades were not transcribed. They are only a progress grade. There was discussion about what the "I" means. Consensus of the group was that an "F" on a progress report should be reported if the student was not passing because an "I" can be misleading. Mary Jane Taylor suggested that when we send the Synervoice message home about conferences that we stress that these are only progress grades at this time.

Galileo Assessments

Mr. Misner talked about the new Galileo Assessment that students have begun to take. He explained they are pre-tests before students start a unit and then again after so that the teacher can gauge how well the students have learned the material. He said there were several different options to use the new testing tool. Jeaneen Beagley expressed her concern that this might be just another set of tests that our students have to take. Mr. Misner explained that this is something our District has purchased and implemented for our teachers. There was also some discussion on the Smarter Balance test and how it can be optional. There are several ways students can meet the requirements to graduate including the careers test, SAT/ACT and writing samples.

Conversations around Intervention and Schedule

Mr. Misner explained that until our licensed and classified unions have agreed on their contracts this year, the intervention and school schedule is at a standstill. He said there was some movement to take away two days of intervention per week and discussion of doing things differently.

Update on Negotiations with teachers and classified staff

Mr. Misner explained that our licensed and classified unions have not settled yet this year.

Peer Tutoring Club for Freshman – Kelly Turner

Kelly Turner explained that she had an idea to create a Freshman peer tutoring afterschool club. She explains to her freshman that importance of passing classes and studying. She wanted freshman to have a way to get help on subjects that they may be struggling with. She thought that they wanted to keep it available only to Freshman unless the upper classmen were to apply to be a part of the club. She felt that Fleming was creating a culture of students who want to learn and she wanted to keep this going for Freshman in High School. She already has some upperclassmen that would help tutor. Mr. Misner suggested that this could be a start for students to work towards becoming teachers as they tutor – maybe a future teacher's Club. He talked about the shortage of some teachers such as math that Oregon has currently. He explained that some of students are now taking RCC classes during the school day. We talked about our current Math sub that will be here until Thanksgiving and that we are looking for a new long term teacher for Algebra 1 (CCI) and Geometry (CCII) .

Questions/Comments

Jeaneen Beagley expressed her concern about the school not always getting it's athletes signed up for the NCAA clearinghouse because she knew it had new academic rules. She felt that if our athletes were to sign up earlier, they would become more aware of the academic requirements to be a NCAA athlete. Mr. Misner acknowledged her concern.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:22 pm