

Site Council Minutes 3/9/16

North Valley High School



Present: Dennis Misner, Kelly Turner, Denise Dillard, Jeff Conard, Stephanie Phillips

I. Professional Development-

- a. Rick Wormeli- We sent 3 staff members to the Wormeli workshop where the teachers learned about his philosophy on the Differential Classroom and Proficiency grading. Jeff Conard something that stuck with him is the statement "fair is not always equal." He feels that has meaning usefulness in the classroom. Mr. Misner explained that there is confusion amongst the state that is using proficiency on what is practice and what is assessment. He just visited a school that surveyed the students- 1100 of them made comments and it suggested that proficiency grading is confusing to them. Denise Dilliard commented that she doesn't feel that proficiency grading is teaching the students to be responsible. Dennis also explained how some upper division colleges are throwing out SAT test scores and excepting students based on how hard they work to become successful.
- b. School Visit- Junior High in Salem, AVID Teaching Strategies- We have sent a group of people to go observe a school in the Salem area that uses the AVID teaching strategies.
- c. District Collaborative- our district has spent a lot of time in our collaborative groups in Science, English, Math and Social Studies. The teachers have been working together to better define teaching in their departments.
- d. This summer, Jeromy Wright will attend an in-service so that he can teach an AP Computer Science class in coding. This is the first AP computer class we will have had in a long time.
- e. Kelly Turner attended Oregon Technology Summit this month. She felt that it was very commercialized and hard to get through the sales stuff to see what would really work in her classroom. There were a lot of things there to buy. Most of the booths there were run by sales people and not necessarily teachers. She did find that she might

be able to use technology for kids to use at home (say if they missed a class or for homework.)

II. Planning for 2016-17

- a. Our Master Schedule for next year is in draft format. Teachers are taking a look at it and suggesting any changes that they feel are necessary.
- b. Staffing Changes- We will need a new Art teacher and Math teacher next year. We are hiring the math teacher now as we just had interviews.
- c. Budget- 2014 Through 2017
 - i. The district budget is in the adoption process currently.
- d. We will have our accreditation Visit in 2016-2017. We just submitted our desired dates for the visit.

III. Questions/Concerns

- a. There is concern about Cyber bullying in our school. Kelly Turner and Denise Dillard expressed concern and even stated they believed that we have recently lost students because of cyber bullying. Mr. Misner explained that he is developing a lesson for all students to take after the spring break. He feels that we need to educate our students about what happens on social media and then we can work on disciplining students that use social media in a harmful way.
- b. There was much discussion about our students attendance. Everyone feels that the proficiency based education has made attendance less important to students. Some of students miss a lot of days of school and still are able to pass class because they can pass the tests. Kelly Turner was hoping that we can perhaps change the Val/Sal requirements next year to include attendance.
- c. There was still more discussion on how the council feels that the proficiency grading is inconsistent and confusing to the teachers, parents and students.