

Illinois Valley High School
1/10/18 Site Council Minutes

Present: Tanner Smith, Robin Jackson, Caitlin Gray

Agenda:

1. Cameras - Conversation on the addition of cameras in the building. We have two bids from SOS alarm and SOESD. What would be the best option for IV? Tanner shows example of the different clarity between the two brands of cameras.
2. Water Fill Stations - We are looking at adding Water Fill Station to the school. This would provide the option for students and staff to be able to fill their personal water bottles with filtered, refrigerated water, thus reducing the use of purchased bottled water. Do the other high schools (NVHS) have these fill stations? Kristy will explore.
3. Space for new programs - It looks like we will have SPED students transitioning up here next year from LBMS. At present, 4 students come up for lunch. Where will we house SPED classes to accommodate these students who stay in the SPED room for the entire school day. Conversation was held on possible moves within the building to meet needs.
4. Interventions - Via a live spreadsheet created by Julie P. our teachers are allowed to make selections for intervention. Julie can then print out tickets for each student to notify them as to which teacher requested them. There is a priority sort feature built into the spreadsheet. Their selections are due by a certain day each week which then gives Julie time to finalize things. With the addition of Scott Thornhill (graduation coach) and Sara Creek (student advocate) also keeping an eye on keeping students on track, we have a greater percentage of students getting to the classes they need to be in.
5. Semester Cut dates for grading - conversation on having a 'cut off' date for turning in work to fix a grade after the grading period is over. Committee members present like the idea of a 'cut off' date. From a teacher's perspective, a 'cut off' date means that they are not teaching new material on top of old material. If the process is open-ended, it is possible that while a student is taking his or her time working on the previous grading period, they are missing the current material and may never catch up.
6. Scholar Athlete (late start) 1st and 2nd periods - What would it look like if 'Scholar Athletes' were excused to come in later on game dates where they do not return until the wee hours of the morning? Some discussion. Topic shelved for further discussion.
7. School Improvement (Physical appearance) - We have a wall being painted as we speak in the front office. We are planning a 'Welcome to IV' mural. We will also add a "Meet our staff" bulletin board here in the front office. We will continue to update our Photo Wall in the school entry and have some other ideas for the entry as well. Mr. Smith would also like some student painted murals in the hallways.
8. Seismic Grant - This is a 1 million dollar grant. To make the gym earthquake proof, it would need to be separated from the building. If awarded, Mr. Smith would also like to update the bleachers and the floor also.