



MINUTES

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**Strategic Planning for 2016-2017 School Year**

DISCUSSION

**Strategic Planning**

- Starting this summer- at least a 6 month process.
- What is the purpose of a strategic plan
- How this will look – all stakeholders will be involved
- Decisions focusing on students

**Climate of High Expectations for Success**

- In the effective school, there is a climate of expectation in which the staff believes and demonstrates that all students can attain mastery of the essential school skills, and the staff also believes that they have the capability to help all students achieve that mastery.

**Opportunity to Learn and Student Time on Task**

- In the effective school, teachers allocate a significant amount of classroom time to instruction in the essential skills. For a high percentage of this time students are engaged in whole class or large groups, teacher-directed, planned learning activities.

**Safe and Orderly Environment**

- In the effective school, there is an orderly, purposeful, businesslike atmosphere which is free from the threat of physical harm. The school climate is not oppressive and is conducive to teaching and learning.

**Instructional Leadership**

- In the effective school, the principal acts as an instructional leader and effectively and persistently communicates that mission to the staff, parents, and students. The principal understands and applies the characteristics of instructional effectiveness in the management of the instructional program.

**Frequent Monitoring of Student Progress**

- In the effective school, students academic progress is measured frequently through a variety of assessment procedures. The results of these assessments are used to improve individual student performance and also to improve the instructional program.

**Home-School Relations**

- In the effective school, parents understand and support the school's basic mission and are given the opportunity to play an important role in helping the school to achieve this mission.

**College Readiness Night Reflection**

DISCUSSION

- It went well this year but not as good as last year.
- We will be changing the location back to the Library. It was more personable.
- We will try to pick a better night that doesn't conflict with other events, such as sports events
- ASU did not attend – we need them to attend next year.
- Express to the high school students that it is good to start early thinking about college – whether it is a 4 year, 2 year, or a technical college.
- We need to schedule it for the fall to make college acceptance deadlines.
- Have the College Fair at school on the same day. Get the college reps into the classroom.
- Have the counselors push ACT/SAT – start taking it earlier – possibly as sophomores or juniors.

### Civics Exam Update

#### DISCUSSION

- It will be taken by the 8<sup>th</sup> and juniors. – A study guide will be provided.
- Passing is a graduation requirement starting with this year's juniors. There will be a Pass or Exempt printed on their transcript.
- To pass, they need to pass 60 of the 100 questions.
- They can take this test as many times as needed to pass.
- Re-teach in Sand Devil Block will address missed questions.

### Registration for 2016-2017 School Year and Course Description Handbook

#### DISCUSSION

- Pre-registration has already started with the help of teacher recommendations.
- Accuplacer – given per math department's request. Students say that there are questions on the test that are not even covered in class.

### Closed Campus Implementation Plan Update

#### DISCUSSION

- The board thought the students were not being informed about the process.
- It will be introduced to the students during Sand Devil Block. Comment cards will be available.
- It will then go back to the governing board.

### PBIS Update

#### DISCUSSION

- We are looking to get our attendance rate up. We are shooting for 80% but have only reached 79.6%.
- We may look into celebrating smaller things to be positive.
- Conversations on how to handle situations calmly will also be covered with staff.

### Site Council Members Comments, Questions, Concerns

#### DISCUSSION

- Send out notice that there WILL BE school on April 29<sup>th</sup> as a make-up snow day.