

SIT Meeting

November 4, 2015

I. 3:00 Call to Order- Chairman L. Patillo

Introduction of new members/Parent members

Members Present: Dr. Abernethy, T. Williamson, J. Faulk, C. Frink, C. Richardson, Davis, M. Gresham

Parent Members: Francis Jacobs, Shelby Tucker, Joan Jacobs

II. Reading of Minutes

Correction: J. Faulk's name was omitted from attendance of last meeting/corrected

Motioned by C. Richardson to approve minutes with said correction; seconded by T. Williamson

Motion carried

III. College Career Promise – T. Locklear

Have list of students interested in participating; will schedule a meeting with Becky Holden to meet with students and parents

Schedule Meeting Dates: 1st Wednesday of each month

December 12	March 2
January 6	April 6
February 3	May 4

IV. Cultural Awareness/Diversity Week – Dr. Abernethy

Will meet with Leadership team on Friday to devise plan for creating ideas highlighting awareness of diversity in the school. Have school assembly scheduled for 2nd week in December using the homeroom schedule- 1st period each day for 5 days with a Grand Finale outdoor event on the last half of school day Friday. Some ideas include:

- playing music in mornings
- cultural flags being displayed
- presentations
- posters
- drummers from different cultures

V. NC New Schools Self-Assessment Goals

Worked on Students Career Goals/Planning

- T. Locklear will train teachers on student requirements for graduation; teachers will use homeroom meetings to discuss/view student transcripts and make necessary adjustments
- New grading system requirements
Teachers are working with Guidance
Dr. Abernethy – teachers need a digital copy
J. Faulk – this is a part of the Personalization plans – plan for teachers/students regular guidance support as advisors for Homeroom activities; 4-year rotation from Seniors-Freshmen-Sophomores-Juniors-Seniors etc.
- C. Frink _ is the Freshman Academy going to be reinstated? Dr. Abernethy – need more information; Ms. Frink will send the model and other information on this.

- Need to revise the documents describing the student plan; problem with the Middle School Guidance schedules and the High School schedule; question: can the teachers get a template for requirements for graduation?
L. Patillo- we will have a template to send to all teachers before next meeting and will revisit this item at next meeting.
Dr. Abernathy – any plans will have to be for next semester
C. Frink – Career and College Ready Cadre Initiatives – want 9th graders to see “Big Picture” (4 year plan) Free College Application Week
- How to reach sub groups of low performing students in testing
MTSS (Multi-tiered Student Support) Mrs. Threadgill has established plan/students have been identified.
C. Frink – suggested the return of a full year schedule vs semester to increase student performance
Dr. Abernathy agrees, but will be difficult to enforce; need to identify students who need extra help who may not be classified (EC, 504, etc.)
Get chrome books to help with effective programs

Final agenda item includes an amendment to the strategy to include tutoring after school in the Spring.

New Business:

- School Status
Letters are being sent to parents informing them of the low performance status of Columbus County Schools and that this is being addressed.
- Fund-Raising – make parents aware of all fund-raising activities and the purpose of each drive to gain more participation
Dr. Abernathy – need a 3 Year Plan for fundraising; recommends that at least 90% of the proceeds go towards technology for the school. Some ideas for fund-raising include:
 - 5K-Track
 - Talent Show
 - Pennies for Solar
 Parent representative, Joan Jacobs suggested that businesses sponsor a child to raise funds
- J. Faulk – need to devise a technology plan (what we can do, will do, need to do, etc.)
Dr. Abernathy made motion to develop a technology plan, it was seconded by T. Williamson; unanimously approved.
Motion was made by J. Faulk to adjourn the meeting; seconded by T. Locklear.
Adjourned at 4:15

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