

Site-base Meeting

Minutes

12/3/09

3:20

- District Needs Assessment

Comments:

1. Reviewed and discussed TAKS scores.
2. Discussed needs assessment. It was asked if buses should be added to the needs assessment.
3. The District plan already addresses transportation under safe school environment.

- District Improvement Plan

Comments:

1. Request was made to research and implement abstinence program.
2. Committee discussed goals.
3. Discussed UIL activities and participation with tryouts.

- OFYP

Do we want to continue OFYP?

Comments:

1. OFYP works well for elementary not so great in secondary.
2. Committee is going to discuss continuing OFYP Days next year with the rest of the faculty and staff.
3. May need to do a survey of faculty and staff to determine how strong feelings are toward OFYP.
4. No final decision was made about OFYP. After discussions the decision will be made next month.

- Extended Year

Comments:

1. Discussed changing extended year to only those that must attend for TAKS and accelerated instruction.
2. Funds were not budgeted for 2010 summer school.
3. Question was raised about having to provide a bus route for students.
4. Committee discussed not providing meals and if that would save the district money.
5. Reduce the number of teachers employed to 2 or 3 and not have cafeteria staffed.

- Professional Development
 - The Effective Teacher or **Differentiated instruction**
 1. Committee discussed above options. Several had already had Harry Wong's Effective Teacher and the committee decided to select Differentiated Instruction for the Spring Training.
 2. Committee felt one Thursday a month was workable for instructional training.
 - Technology
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 - Training ideas and needs:
 - New technologies (Whiteboard, Document Camera and projector combo.)
 - Distance learning and Distance Field trips
 - Committee was asked to e-mail any additional ideas they had for training.

- Curriculum

Comments:

1. Discuss about verifying that all curriculum is aligned.
2. Committee discussed Accelerated Math and positive results in lower grades.
3. Need to have a consistent vocabulary from grade to grade.
4. Discussed success of writing and process they used for alignment.
5. Discussion will continue in future meetings.

- Community, Business, and parent members?

Comments and recommendations:

Committee recommended Rhonda Shaw for either community or business slot of committee.

- Additional notes:

1. A request was made for open communication. Committee members were reminded that the superintendent's door is open and that he welcomes comments and concerns.