

Jordan High School
SCC Meeting: Thursday, May 18, 2017
6:00 p.m. in the Centennial Room

Members Present

Tom Sherwood, Steve Bailey, Suzette Holyoak, Denise Hudson, Jennifer Jones, Taylor Smith, Denise Hyer, Rebecca Cowdell, Tom Sorensen, Kenneth Damron, Wendy Dau (visitor), Randy Johnson, Laurel Bennett, Laurel Harris, Bob Spears, April Sagala, Cameo Lutz, Shannon Reynolds

Counseling Center Update & Discussion of Data Project:

- April Sagala explained what the Counseling Department has been doing over the course of the last part of the year.
- Worked on incoming 9th grade registration
- New Program with 9th Graders: Check and Connect
 - Counselors meet with students who have a D or F or an NG approximately 2-3 weeks before the end of the quarter. Concern about students that are failing multiple classes.
 - Helped build connections with students earlier on.
 - Taylor Smith asked why there are students failing multiple classes.
 - Kenneth pointed out that it is difficult for students to admit that they need help. Kenneth asked what could teachers be doing to facilitate these discussions.
 - April suggested that disclosures should be available on GoogleDocs.
 - Jennifer Jones suggested that all teachers have a website so that students and parents could download assignments.
 - Randy Johnson talked about how he appreciated that teachers have different policies so that students can manage the demands of their schedule.
- Great Start Awards—rewards students who are passing all of their classes.
- Discussion about Suicide Prevention
 - Tom asked the SCC for suggestions about what should be the protocols—are we talking about suicide enough or too much?
 - We have placed more mental health specialists in the school to better meet the needs of the students.
 - VBH has a partnership with three high schools; is this something that we want to consider?
 - Laurel Harris suggested that maybe a presentation should be given to students with a Suicide presentation.
 - Tom talked about the SafeUT app.
 - Kenneth talked about having people in the classroom come in and talk about suicide and the SafeUT app. Maybe we could combine this with a discussion about school policies. Make sure all the students download the app.
 - Jennifer Jones talked about ensuring that we discuss suicide at every grade level.
 - Tom Sorensen mentioned that teachers need to be better trained to talk about these kinds of things (bullying, suicide, etc.) with students. Randy Johnson seconded this.
 - Cameo Lutz mentioned an assembly that had been done a few years ago about suicide that was really good.
- April Sagala also discussed the survey. Data showed that parents want more information about college and how to pay for college.
 - Counselors have added more information about this. Presented to sophomores in Careers classes.
 - More in-depth in 11th grade in the financial literacy classes; discuss financial aid. CCRs in 11th grade discuss college planning. Encourage parents attend these meetings.
 - 12th grade: they do credit check meetings with deficient seniors; announcements every 6 weeks in senior English classes.
 - Deficiency notices are sent home and given to students.
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Schoolwide Data Discussion:

- Tom talked about how students are doing a good job of improving their ACT scores from the time they take it as a junior to their final test.
- Graduation rate has been increasing (88%); hoping to keep the graduation rate at 88%.
- Tom discussed the credit recovery programs of other districts and how this leads to higher graduation rates.
- Kenneth stated that he gets concerned about the conflict between excellence and equity.
- Tom discussed that we now have a 24 credit diploma, but they will not let students graduate early with a 24-credit
- Tom talked about scheduling a meeting at the first unexcused absence.
- Taylor Smith asked about the Aspire series of exams. Jennifer Jones suggested that the aspire might be better for parents.

Discussion about Cell Tower Money:

- Tom discussed JHS cell tower budget. Tom asked if the SCC would be okay with taking some of that money and transfer to the sunshine fund. He asked about \$2500
- Randy Johnson motioned that \$3500 be transferred to principal’s discretionary fund to help for the faculty. Kenneth seconds the motion.
- Called for a vote; unanimously passed.

Graduation Discussion 2017

- Make the decision on Saturday, June 3rd to determine whether or not graduation will be held on the football field or at the Maverik Center
- We got the extra chairs that we talked about.
- Kenneth would like a meeting about graduation with Brandie
- South Towne Expo—parking
- InContact also volunteered to allow us to use their parking lot.

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Next Meeting: Adjourned until the Fall 2017