

MINUTES
9/19/16 SITE COUNCIL MEETING

In attendance: Ray Aponte, Steve Richter, Sharon White, Sharon Rush, Steve Simondet, Marie Hassell, Mercedes Reynolds, Mohamed Alabari, and Karen Holly.

Principal's Report:

There are several groups that meet on a regular basis – PSWE, ILT, and Equity. Goal is to communicate between these groups and Site Council. Should get a report from each of these groups keeping us informed.

ILT is working on a way to hold South accountable for growth since the number of students taking the MCAs has dropped off. They are also working on redoing South's mission and vision statement.

Equity is working in AP classes and how to make them accessible for all. Working on getting students out into the community to discuss equity work with outside agencies.

PSWE is working on a classroom engagement plan. Administration went around and spoke with every classroom at the start of the school year.

Neighborhood expansion – the nice, new building on Lake Street will house ABE and Transition Plus. Ray has met 3 times in the past two weeks with Superintendent Graff regarding South High's needs and hopes regarding improvements. Soccer parents are especially upset and parent and the South High Foundation continue to write letters in support of expanding South High's athletic complex.

SIP (Steve Simondet):

Steve gave us an overview of the SIP. There are four main parts – names of ILT members; assessment; math, reading, climate and graduation; and strategies.

SIP goal – ACT as measurement and pass/fail rates instead of MCAs as assessment tools. Progress will be reviewed quarterly.

Title I:

A meeting will be held during conferences in October.

General Discussion:

Need bigger push to have Juniors take ACT. Ray thinks we have a pretty good percentage of Juniors taking the test and we will invite Elizabeth McMillen (testing coordinator) to our next meeting to share information.

A suggestion to get Juniors to register was to set aside a specific date/time for them to register (i.e. in the classroom).

PUSH:

Three administrators were at the meeting.

Low number in attendance but could have been because of EID.

Parents shared ideas – i.e. pros/cons of testing.

Talked about not having PUSH the first month of school. Too much going on.

Going to discuss activities and extra curriculars at next meeting.

PSWE is working on an activities fair for students. Maybe during lunch?

Future Agenda Items:

Date and time of future meetings needs to be discussed. We're staying with 3:30 – 4:30 for the next meeting until we have enough parents present to discuss. We also would like to keep meetings on the last Monday of the month but again will discuss when we have more parents at the meeting. HOWEVER, the next meeting will be Monday, October 24th because of Halloween.

Will invite Elizabeth McMillen to next meeting to discuss ACT.

Need updates from ILT, Equity, and PSWE committees.

Set goals for Site Council.