

11/25/2013 – Ensuring Academic Excellence Committee Meeting Notes

6:37 Attendance: Angel Rubet; Sandra Gardner; Sally Williamson; Kim Chirichella; Jean Altshuler
Jill Gellert; Bob Breen; Michelle Rosien; John Dodds; Cybil Howard

Assignment of roles – time keeper; facilitator; minutes

Group reviewed norms and added comments/asked for clarifications

Discussion was held regarding administrative/BOE membership/role on the committee, is it a conflict of interest?

Consensus was that it was not an issue, that we would add to the protocols – everyone is welcome to attend and any member should recuse themselves or abstain from voting should a conflict of interest arise, trust individuals to make the right choice.

Reviewed list of items we brainstormed last month – questions & additions

- weighted grades needs an *
- 8th grade moving up – concern about communication
- missing a elem. enrichment program for more able learners
- with CCLS, and new math the ES is very busy
- great link on the Guidance Department website re: college search
- more surveys needed in guidance – earlier college prep/exploration
- guidance counselors should have monthly meeting with parents – what should juniors be doing?
- scheduled meetings with Juniors and Seniors
- difficulty for T working w/S living in generational poverty, can TH get a social worker; can TH use DSS to help? Offer home services – take pressure off school personnel.

Shared positive news/updates – Tech Valley HS – Questar – theater & Grants received. Need parents for E- fund committee

Group prioritize topics and decided if they are district concerns/JHS-HS/Elem.

Next grouped topics into themes, choosing a few to work on

Can Guidance explain college prep process 9-12?

Priorities Identified and sub committees

Weighted grading- Marie, Bob, Kim, Jean, Angel

Grading & Homework policies- Cybil, Jill, Sally

Web page usage- John

Self-esteem – Michelle, Sandra (long term will begin by identifying what we have in place)

7:45 Mission Statement Draft –

Our committee is a community of parents, teachers, administrators, and other stakeholders whose purpose is to advise the BOE on issues of academic excellence and serve as an advisory group to the TH BOE and School administrators on the issues of academic excellence.

7:54 – Next Meeting Date – 1/27/14, use the month of December for sub committees to conduct research for January discussion

